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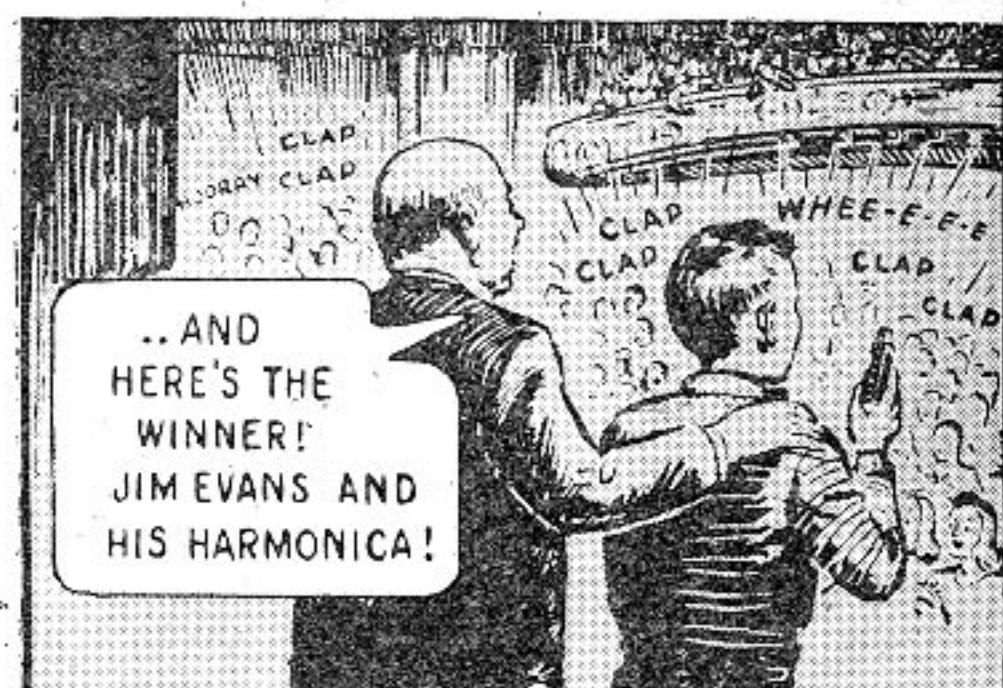
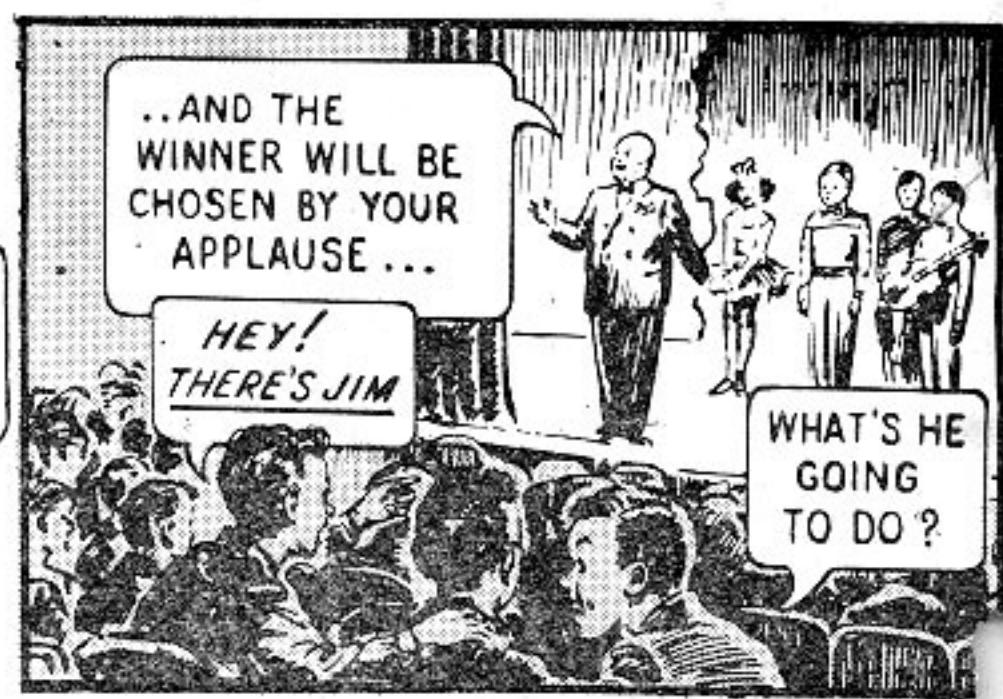
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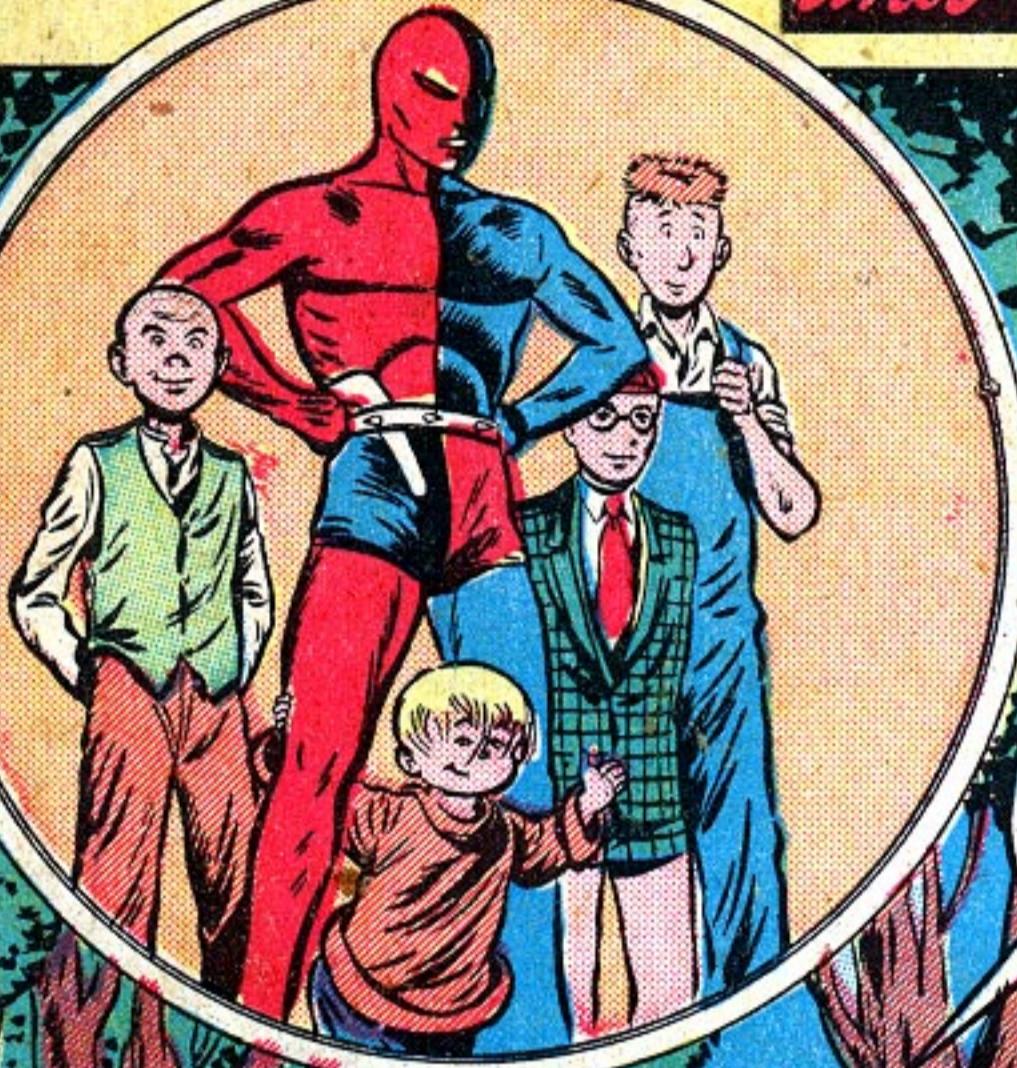
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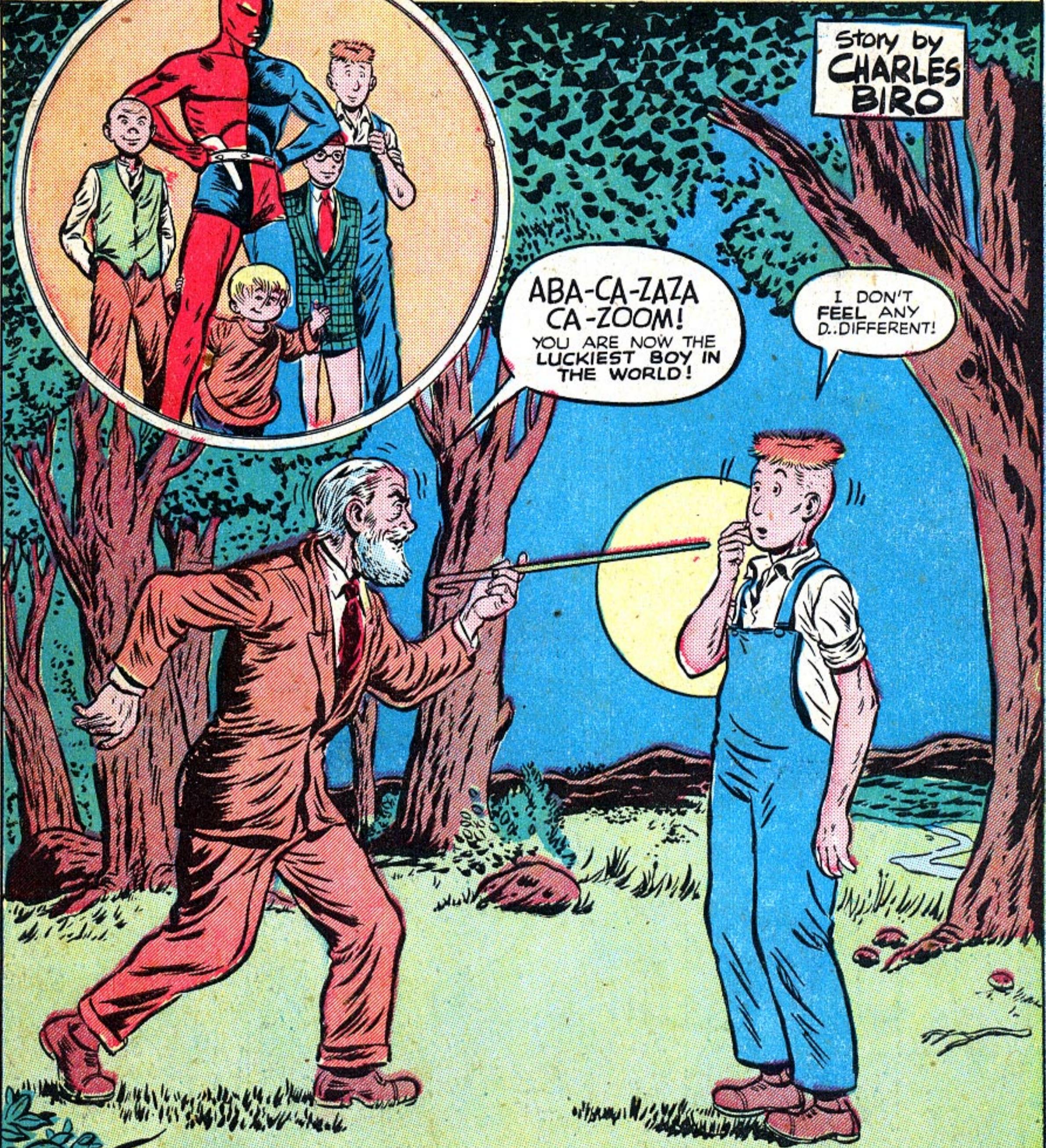
and the LITTLE WISE GUYS



Story by
CHARLES BIRO

ABA-CA-ZAZA
CA-ZOOM!
YOU ARE NOW THE
LUCKIEST BOY IN
THE WORLD!

I DON'T
FEEL ANY
D..DIFFERENT!



WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FANTASY, THE WELL-WRITTEN AND REALISTIC STORY DOES NOT RELY ON COINCIDENCES IN ITS STRUCTURE! SCARECROW'S ADVENTURES COMMIT A LOT OF THESE VIOLATIONS! PERHAPS THEY WOULD BE BETTER DESCRIBED AS MIRACLES! ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, BUT WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES OR NOT, SCARECROW'S SERIES OF VERY UNIQUE SITUATIONS CONSPIRES TO TEACH HIM A LESSON, IF TO NO ONE ELSE!

Charles Biro

HEY, JOCK, WHERE'S THAT CLIPPING ABOUT THE NEW SET-UP FOR THE BOWL TOURNAMENT? I WANT TO READ IT AGAIN!

AGAIN? HOLY SMOKE, PEE WEE, YOU'VE READ IT OVER SO MANY TIMES IT'S PRACTICALLY IN SHREDS—HERE!

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BOY, OH, BOY, OH, BOY, THAT'S US! I WONDER WHICH WESTERN TEAM WE'LL BE PLAYING AGAINST?

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED, PEE WEE! THERE'S STILL A LITTLE MATTER OF US WINNING THE EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP, REMEMBER?

I KNOW WE BEAT CONWAY PREP 21 TO 7 LAST WEEK, AND THEY'RE RATED ONE OF THE TOP EASTERN TEAMS! THEY SHOULD BE, TOO, WITH TWO EX-ALL-AMERICAN COACHES TRAINING THEM ALL SUMMER AND FALL! BUT WE SHOULDN'T LET THAT VICTORY GO TO OUR HEADS!

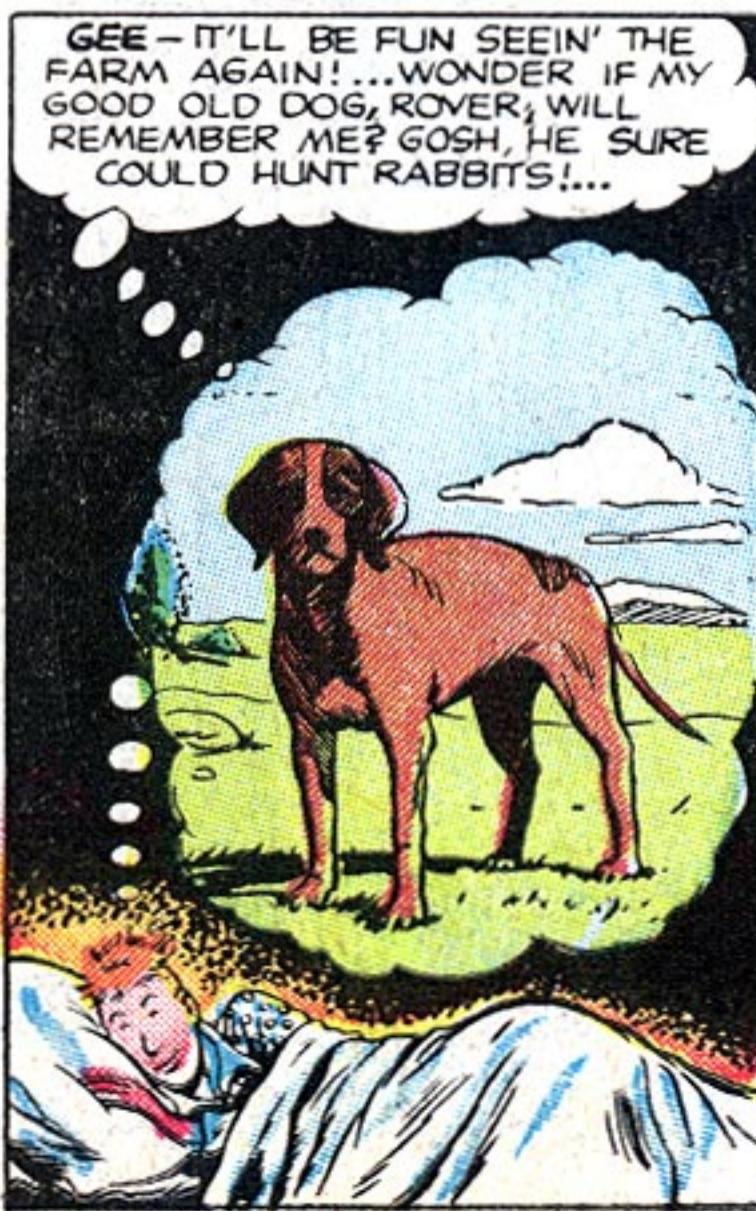
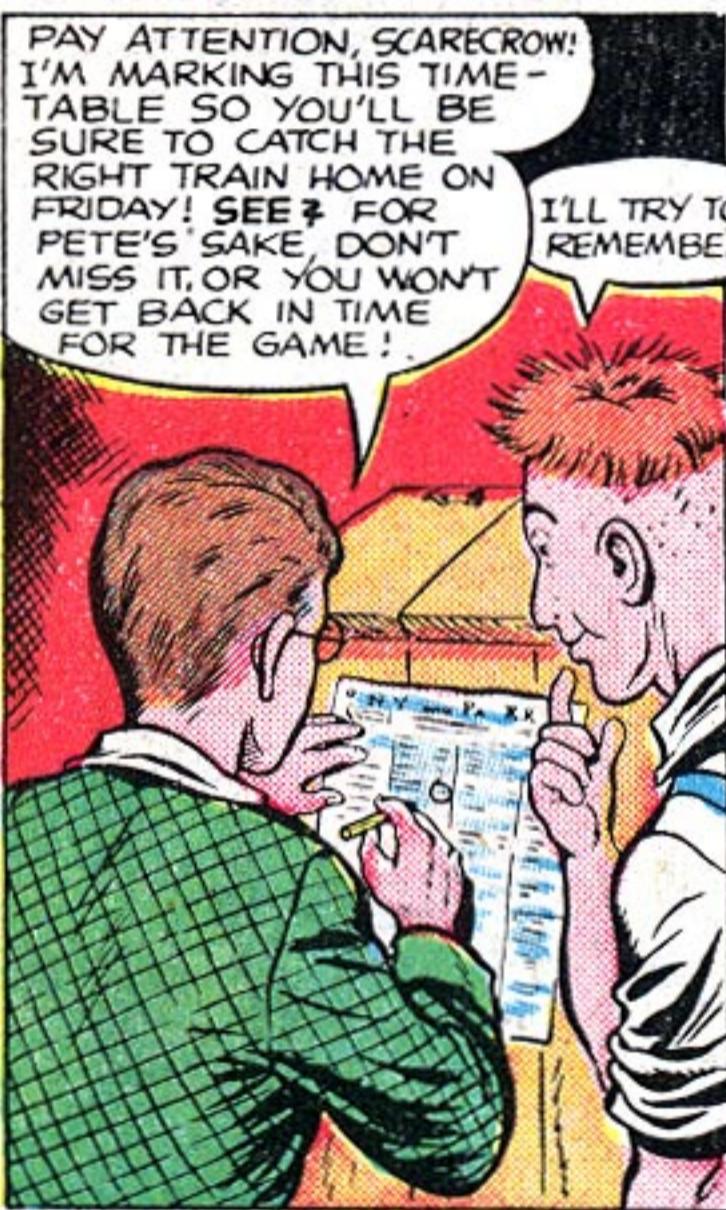
THE TREMONT TIGERS ARE GOING TO BE TWICE AS TOUGH! THEY HAVE BETTER TEAMWORK THAN CONWAY, AND MORE WEIGHT!

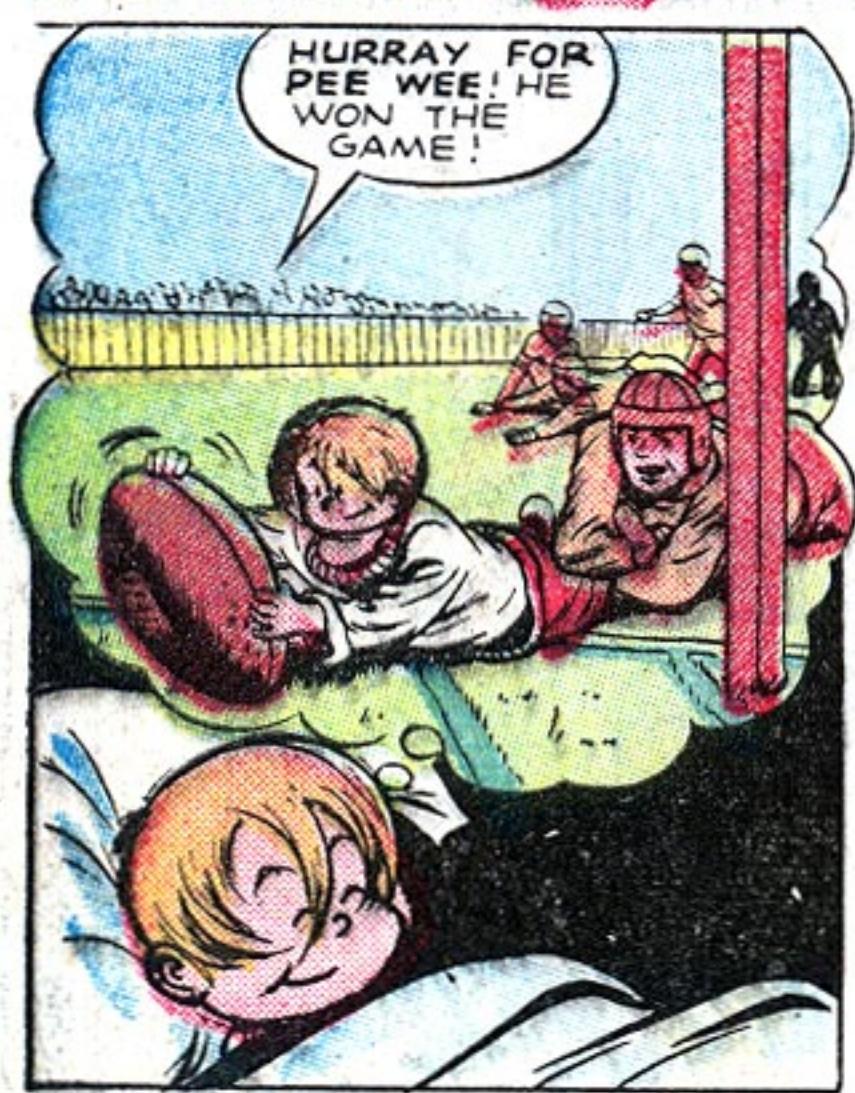
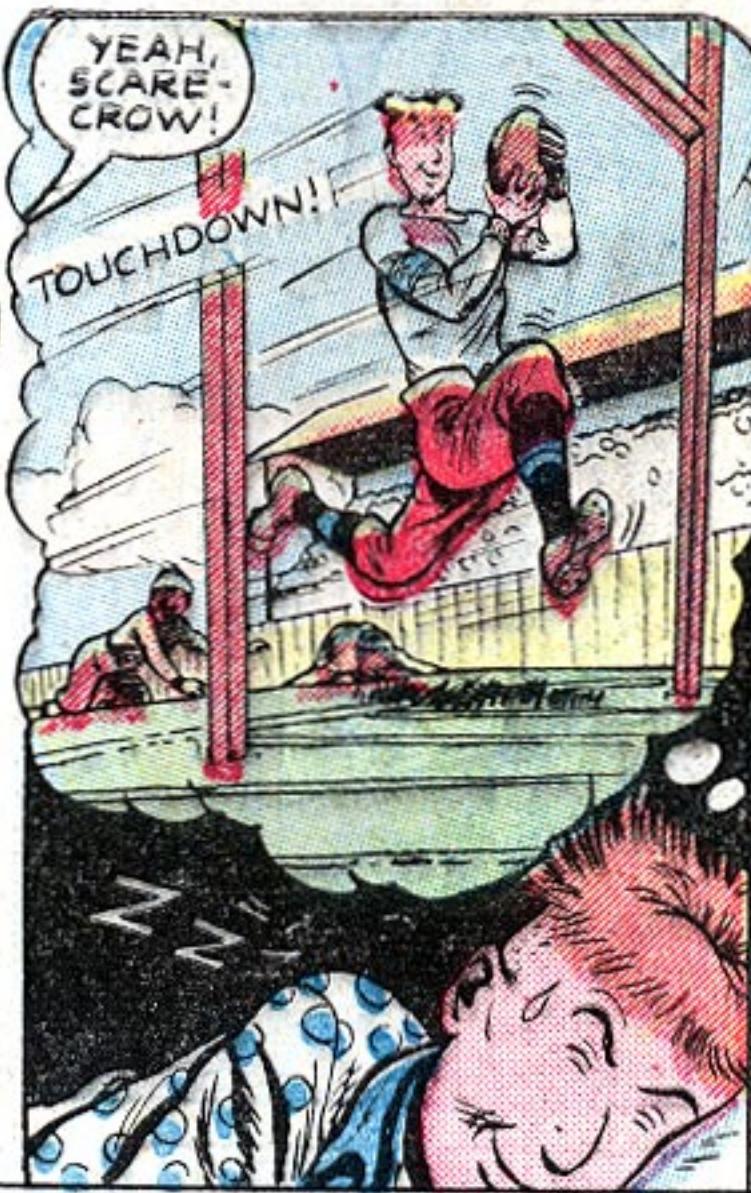
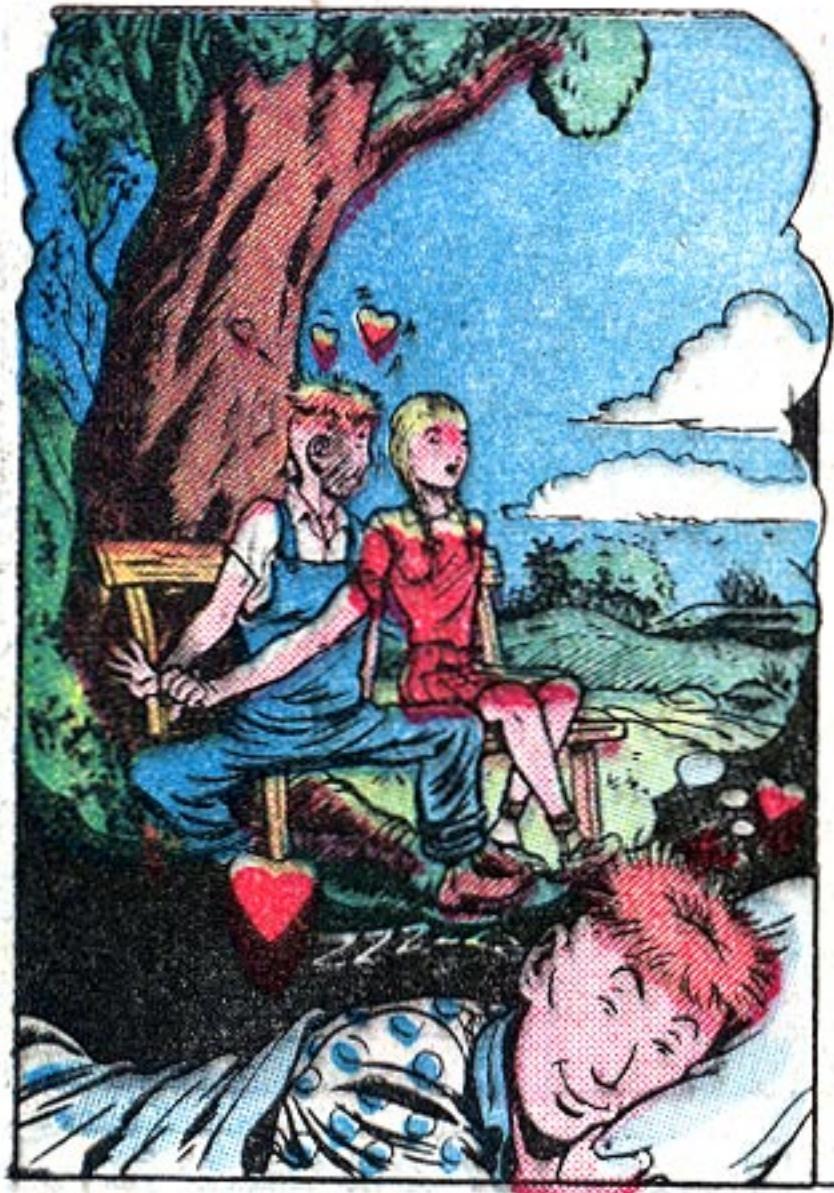
JUST DON'T FIGURE IT WILL BE EASY, OR WE'LL BE HEARING THE BOWL GAME ON THE RADIO INSTEAD!

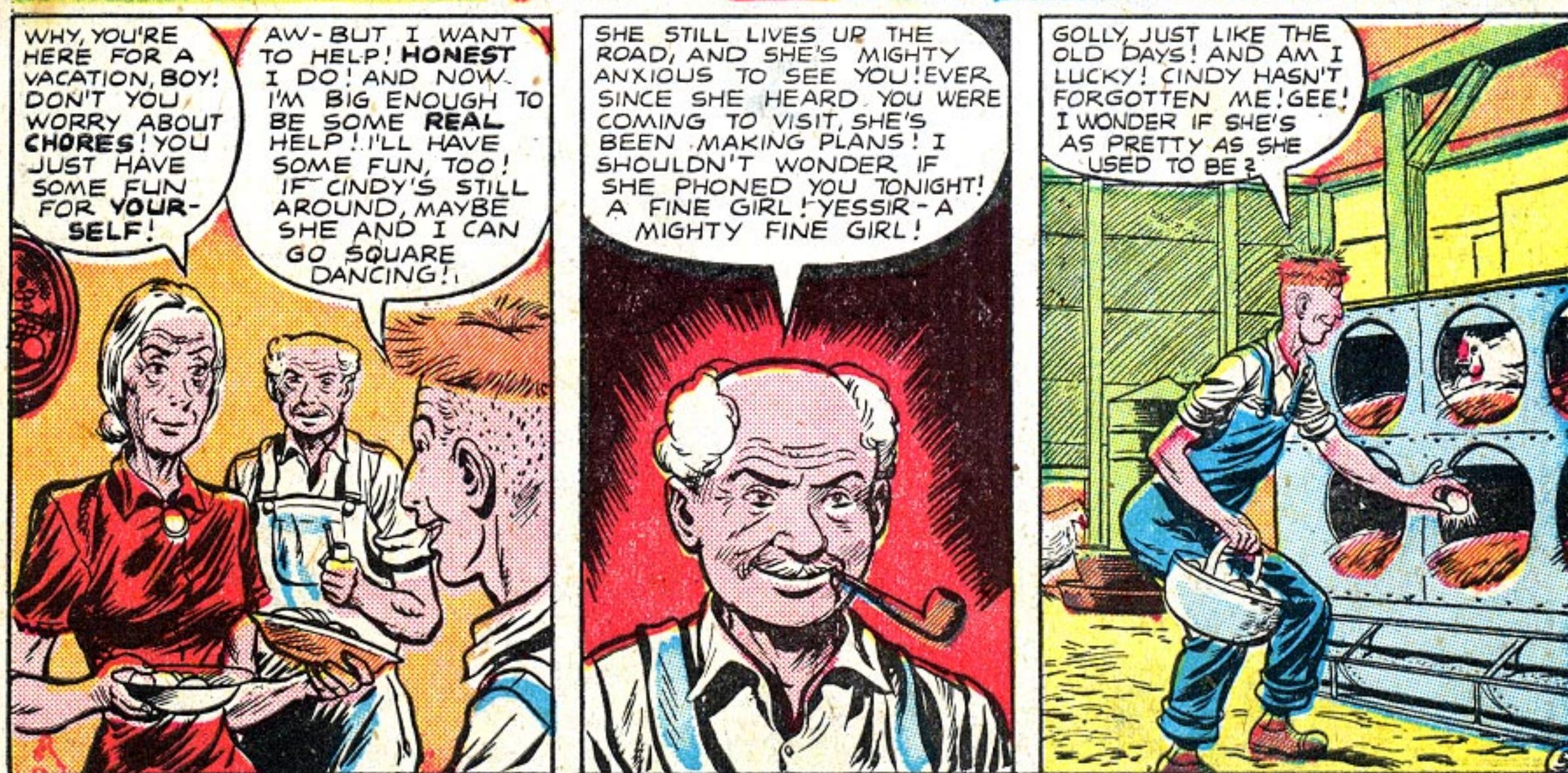
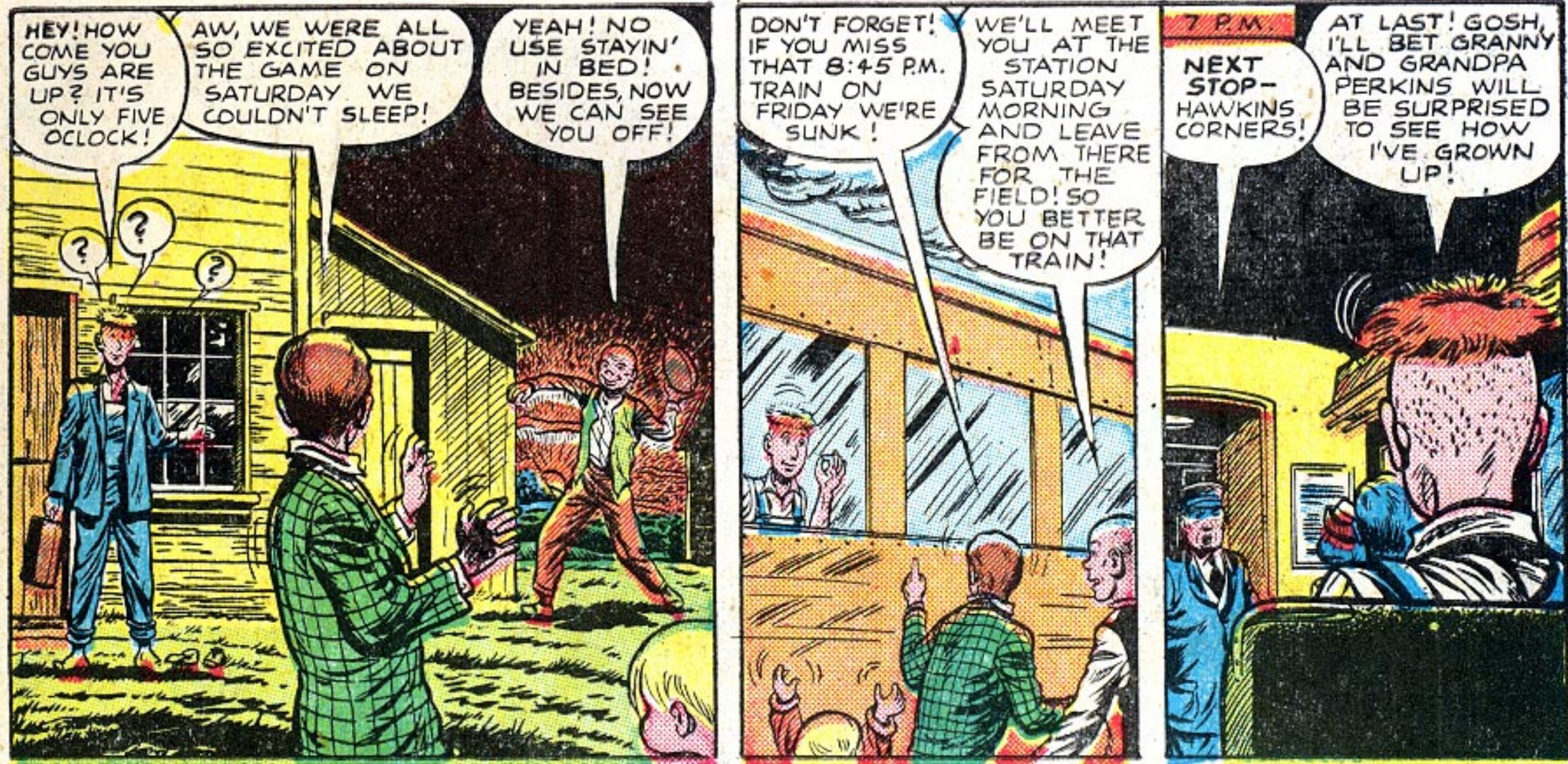
GEE, FELLERS, I HATE TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, BUT HAVE YOU SEEN MY EXTRA SOCKS? I CAN'T GO WITHOUT SOCKS!

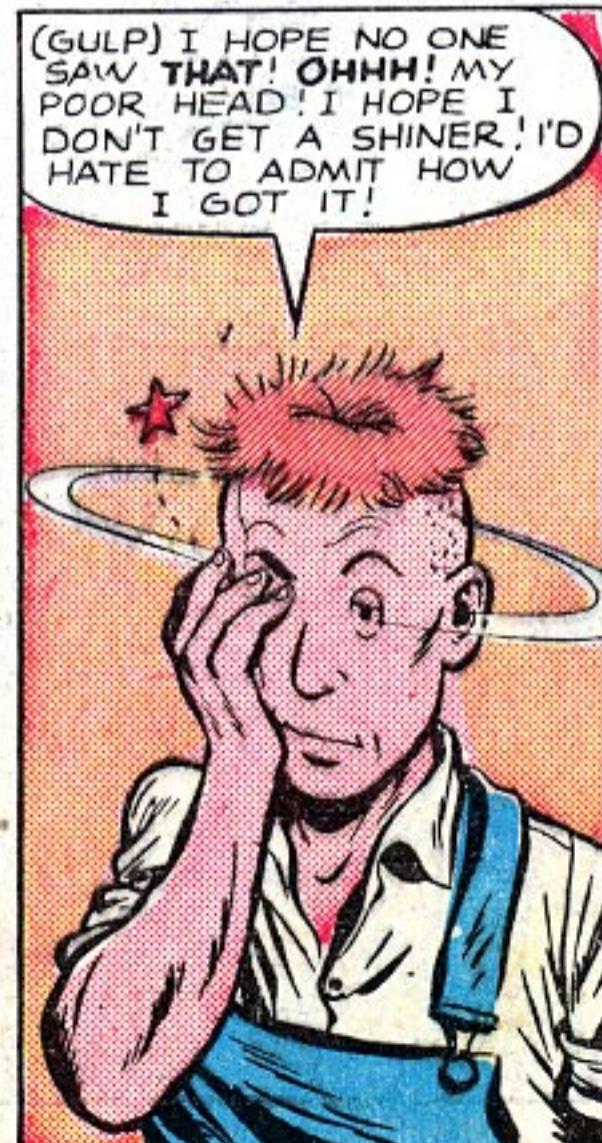
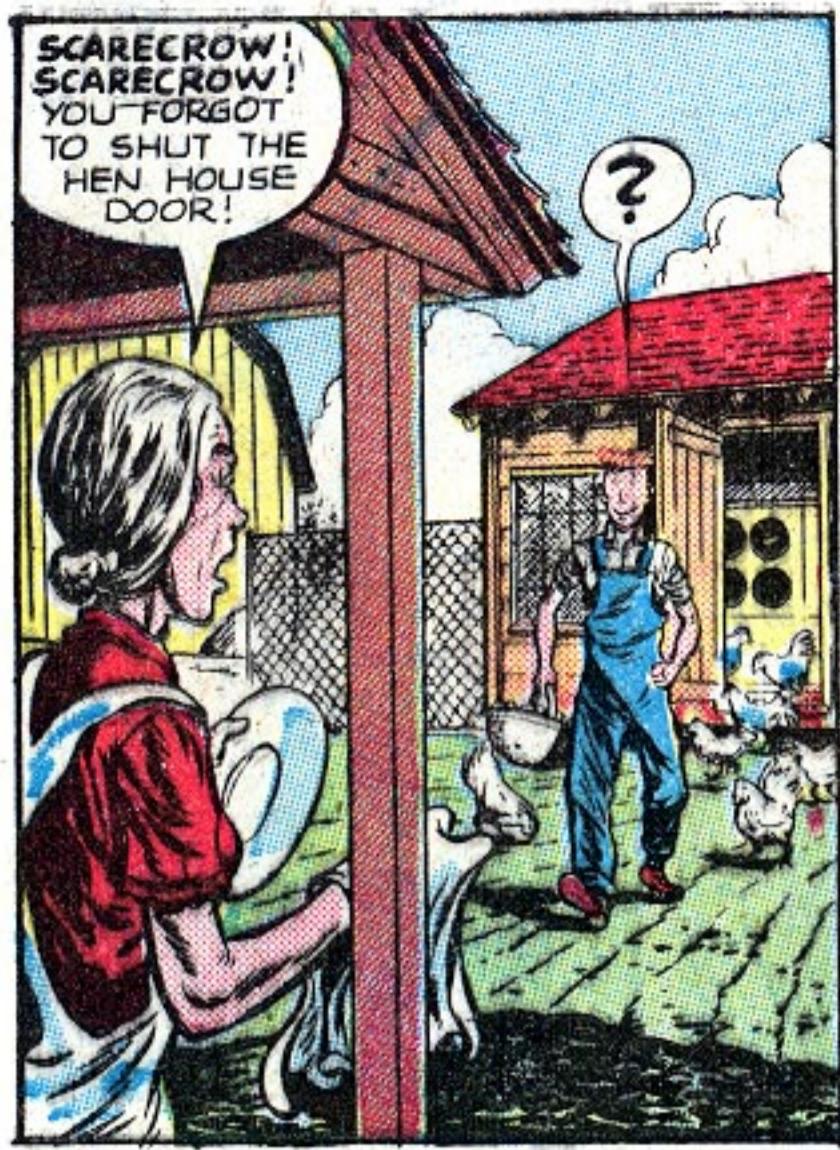
MIGOSH, SCARECROW, AREN'T YOU PACKED YET? A FINE TIME FOR YOU TO BE VISITIN' YOUR GRAND PARENTS—RIGHT WHEN WE SHOULD BE PRACTICING FOOTBALL EVERY DAY! OF ALL THE DUMB IDEAS!

HECK, PEE WEE, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN! I PROMISED I'D VISIT MONTHS AGO—LONG BEFORE WE EVER HEARD ABOUT THIS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT! I CAN'T DISAPPOINT GRANDMA AN' GRANDPOP NOW!

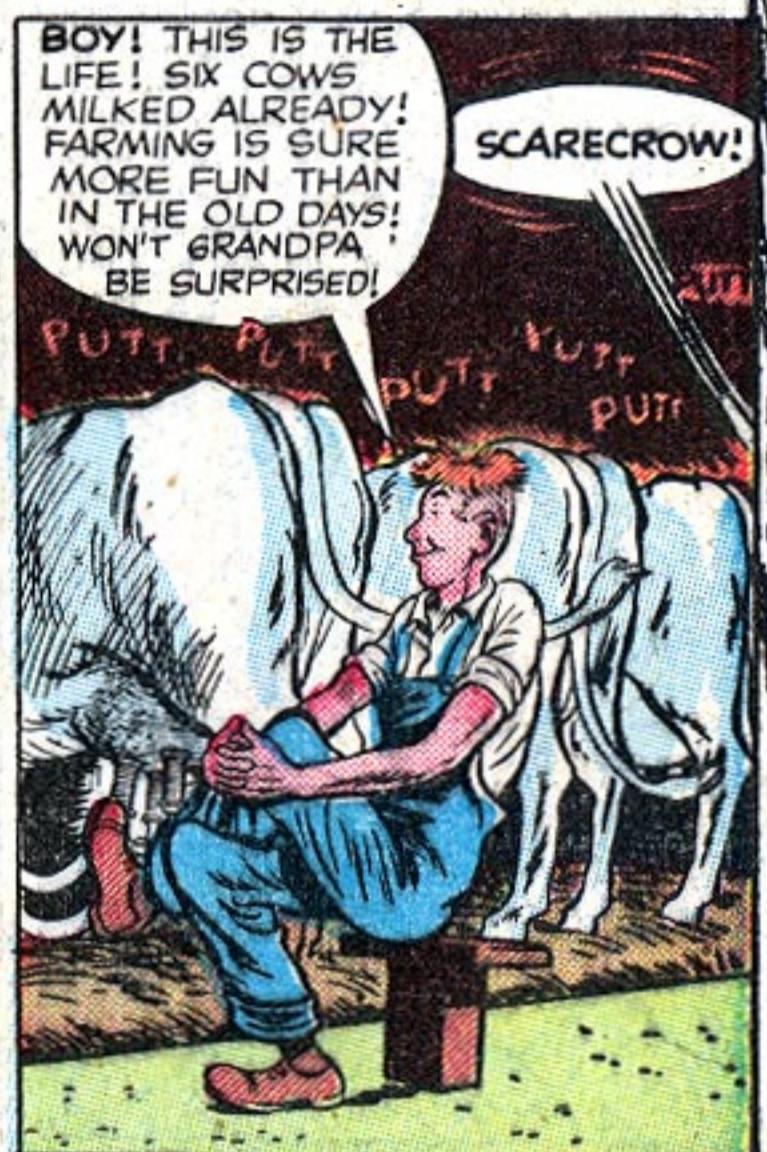
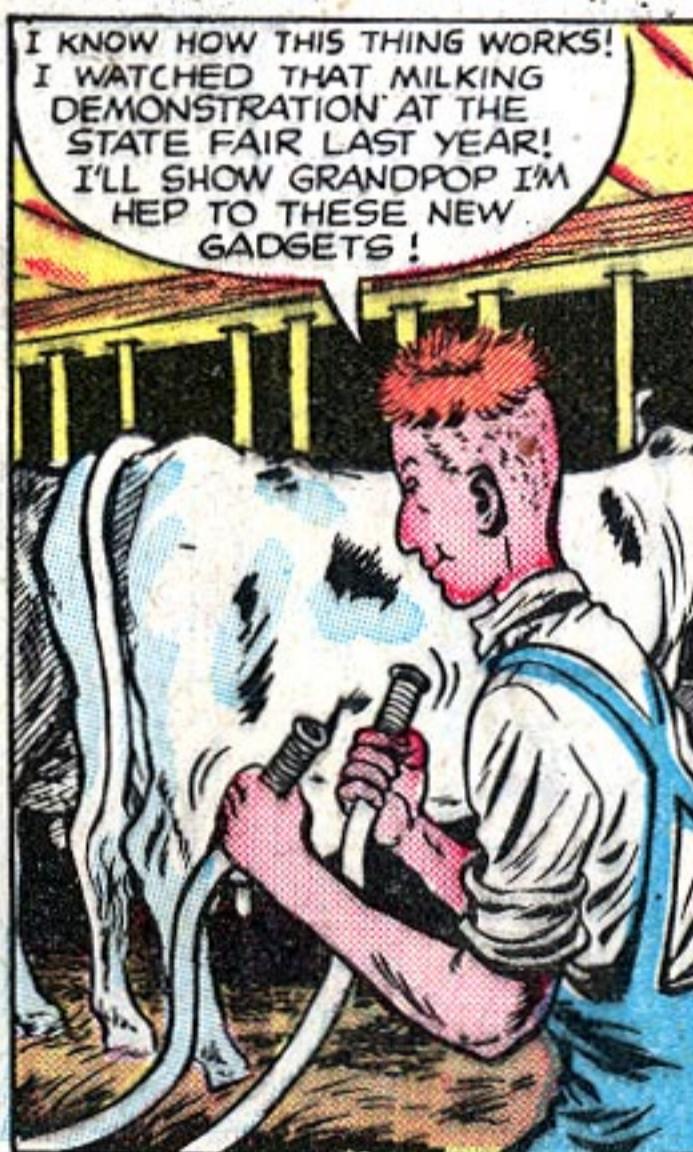
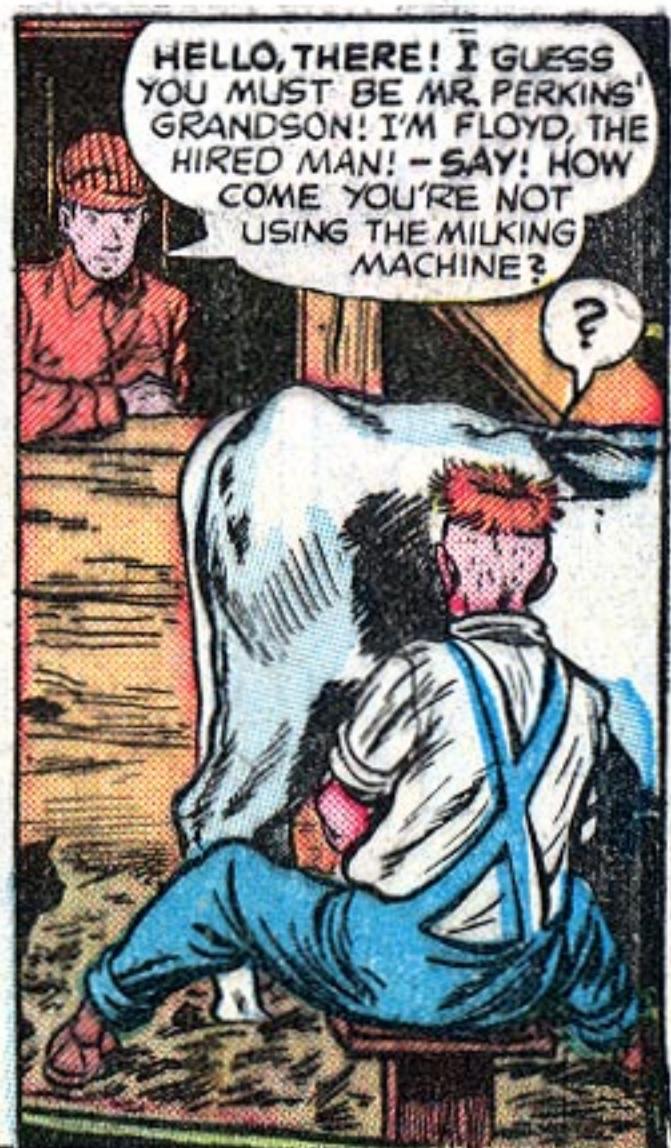


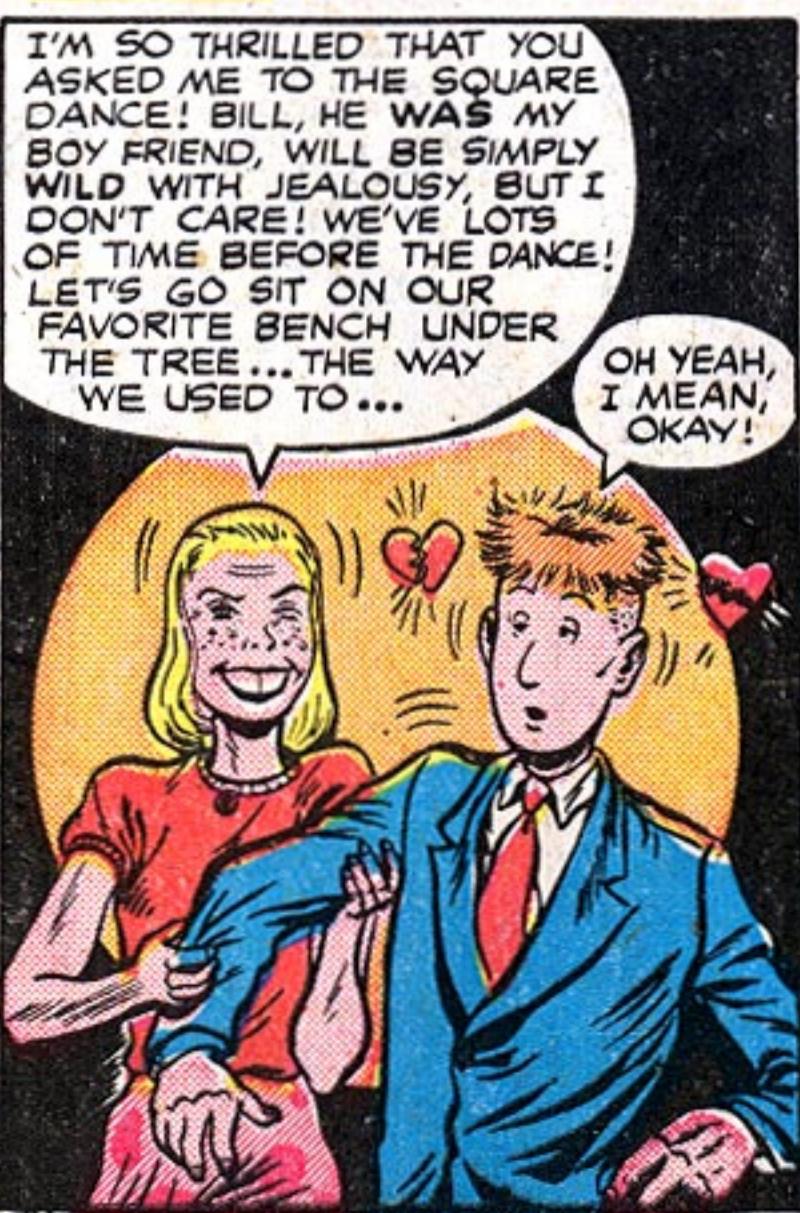
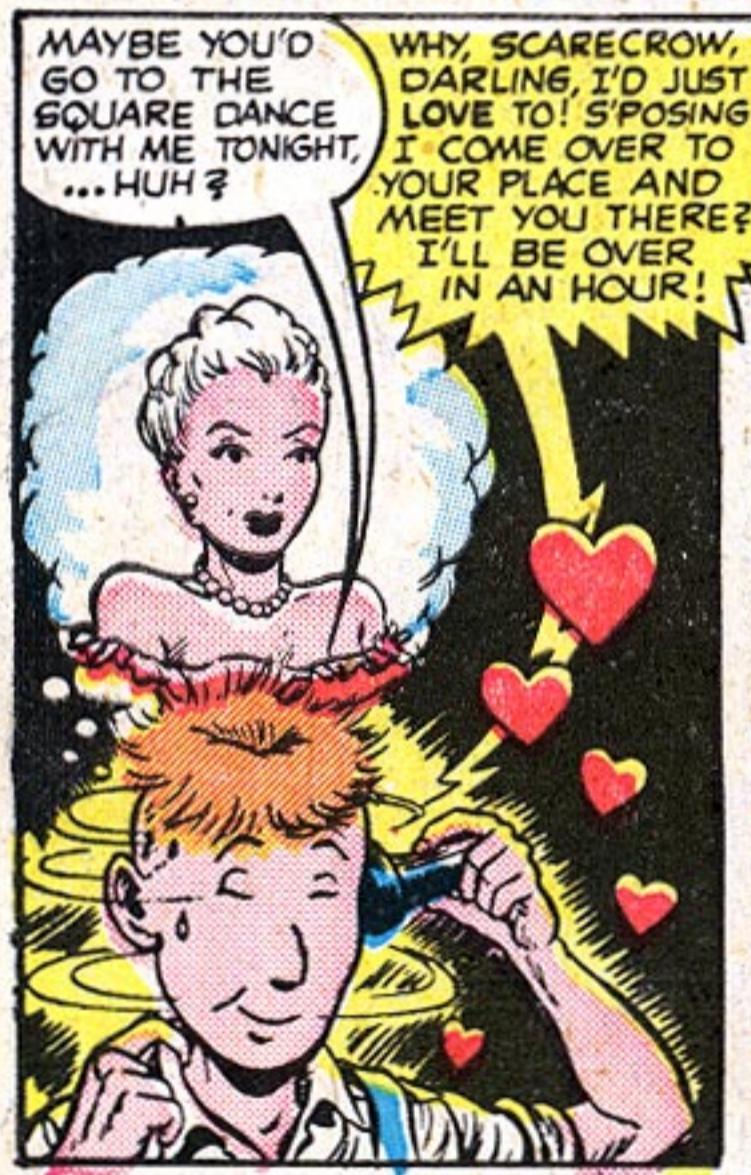
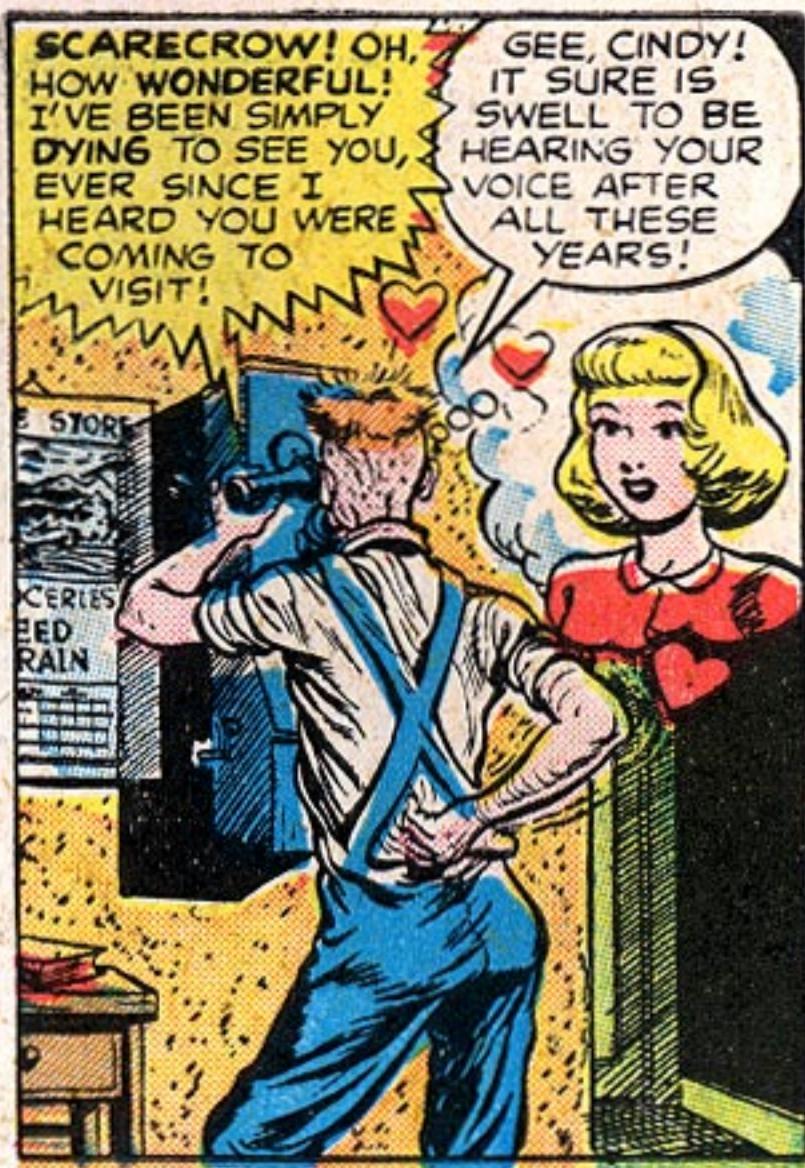






HOLY SMOKE!
TWENTY COWS! IN
THE OLD DAYS, GRANDPA
ONLY KEPT THREE!
MIGOSH! HOW DOES
HE MANAGE TO
DO IT?





SO THERE YOU ARE—
SPOONING WITH THAT
ANIMATED SCARECROW!
WELL, IF YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING TO THE
DANCE WITH HIM,
YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU
HAD A DATE WITH
ME AND YOU'RE
KEEPING IT!

IS THAT SO, BILL
CLARK? WELL NOW
LET ME TELL YOU—
YOU CAN GO JUMP
IN A LAKE! I'M
GOING WITH SCARE-
CROW FROM NOW
ON—HE'S MY
DATE!

BUT I'M
YOUR
STEADY
BOY FRIEND!

YOU
WERE!
OH YEAH & AND I
STILL AM! I'LL BUST
HIS HEAD IN FOR
HIM!

HEY! WAIT!
BOTH OF YOU!
GIVE ME A
CHANCE TO
TALK!



I WOULDN'T DREAM OF
TAKING CINDY FROM YOU,
BILL! I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE HER BOY
FRIEND! HECK! I'M NO
WOLF! I WOULDN'T
BUST UP A SWELL
ROMANCE LIKE
YOURS! NO SIR!

BUT
SCARECROW!
I DON'T
WANT TO
GO WITH
BILL! I
WANT TO
GO WITH
YOU!

THAT'S MIGHTY
WHITE OF YOU,
PAL! YOU'RE
AN OKAY
GUY IN MY
BOOKS!

AW, SHUCKS, THAT'S
ALL RIGHT!
HUMPH! FINE
WAY TO TREAT
A GIRL! WHY
COULDN'T YOU
AT LEAST FIGHT
OVER ME!

ZOWIE! WAS THAT A
NARROW ESCAPE! UGH!
AND TO THINK I'VE BEEN
DREAMING ABOUT SEEING
HER ALL THESE YEARS!
THANK HEAVENS BILL
TOOK HER OFF MY
HANDS! JUST TO BE
ON THE SAFE SIDE,
I'LL SKIP THE
DANCE!



I'M AFRAID I WASN'T
MUCH HELP TO GRANDPA
TODAY, BUT THINGS WILL
BE DIFFERENT TOMORROW!
IT TAKES TIME TO GET
USED TO THE OLD
ROUTINE!



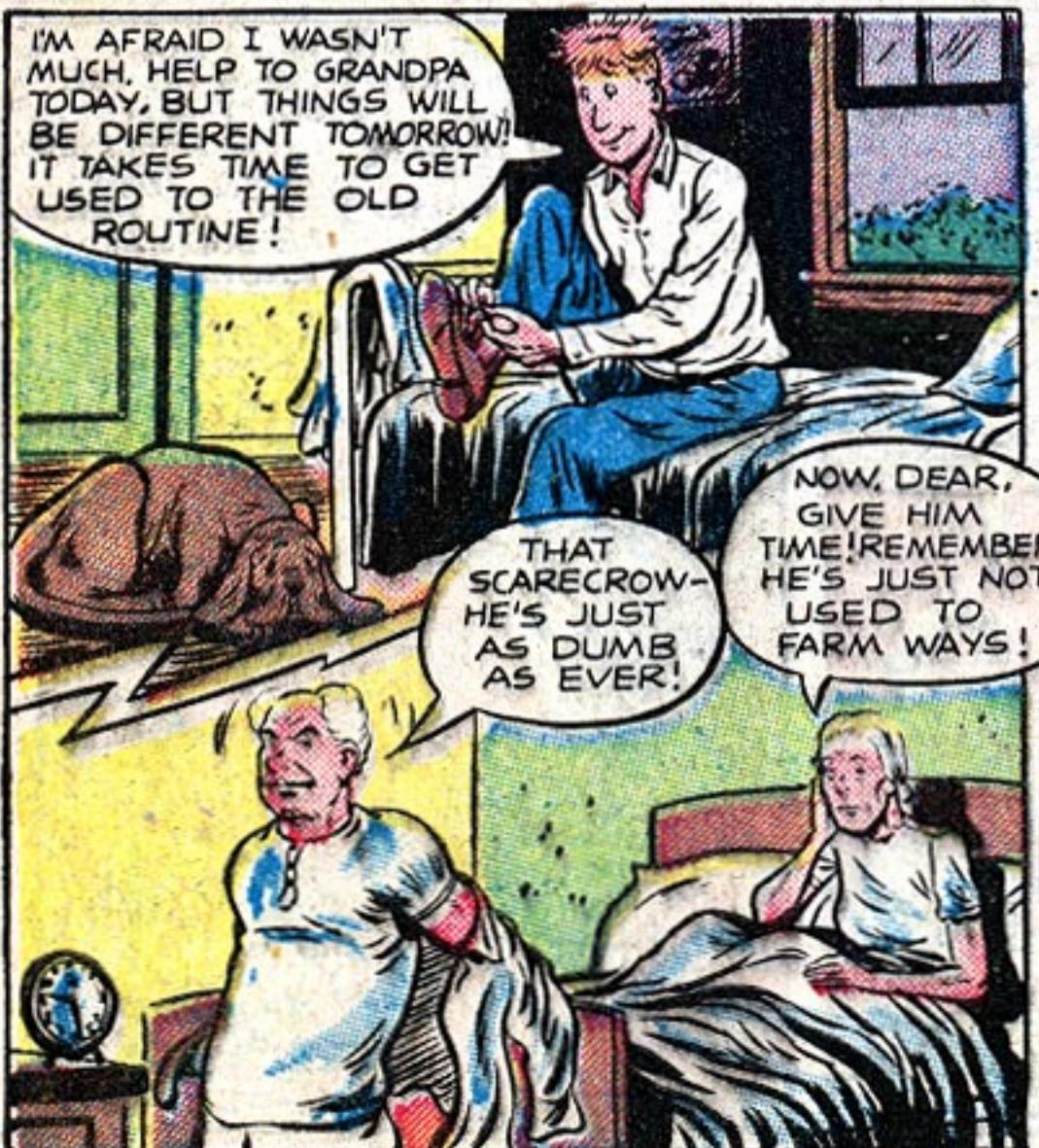
NOW, DEAR,
GIVE HIM
TIME! REMEMBER,
HE'S JUST NOT
USED TO
FARM WAYS!

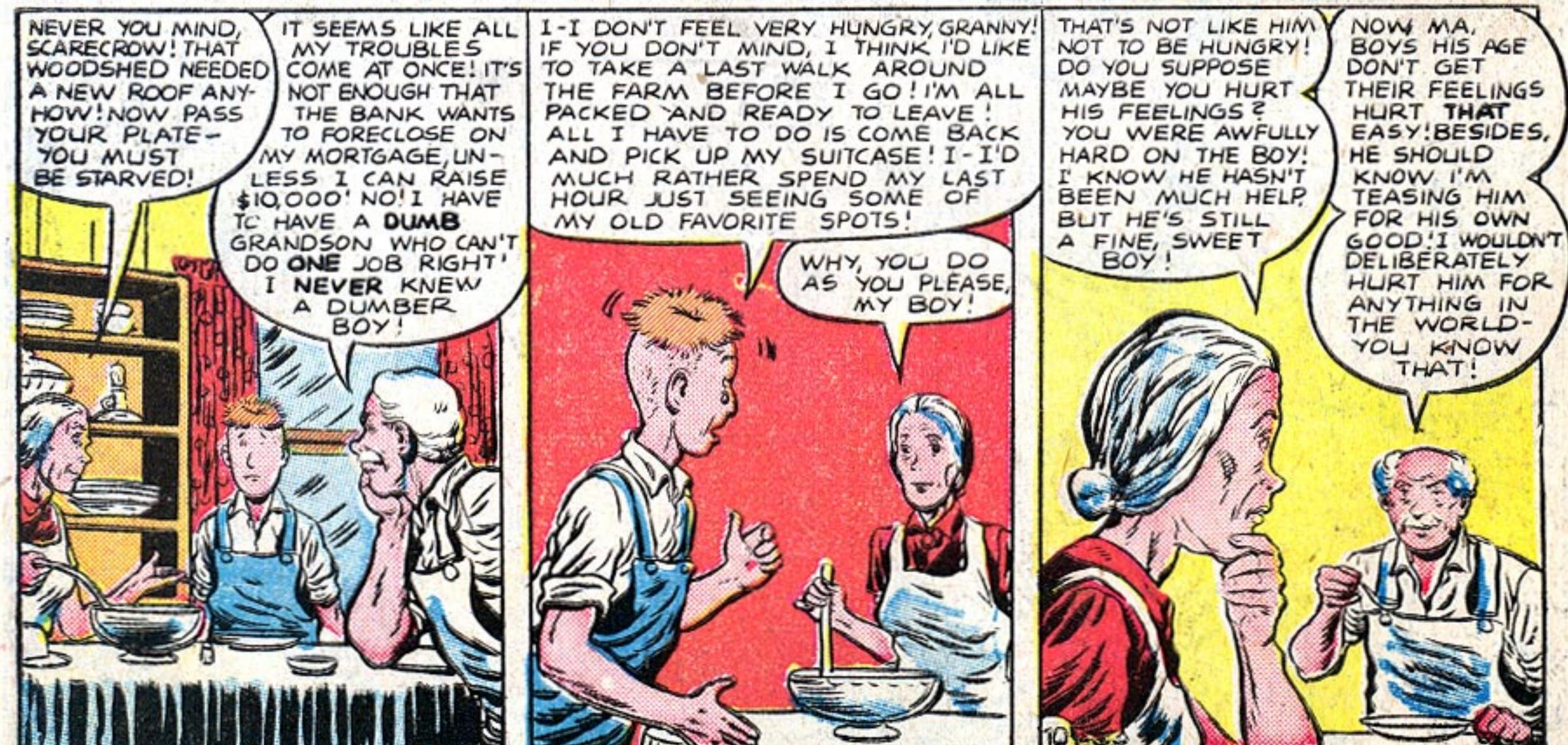
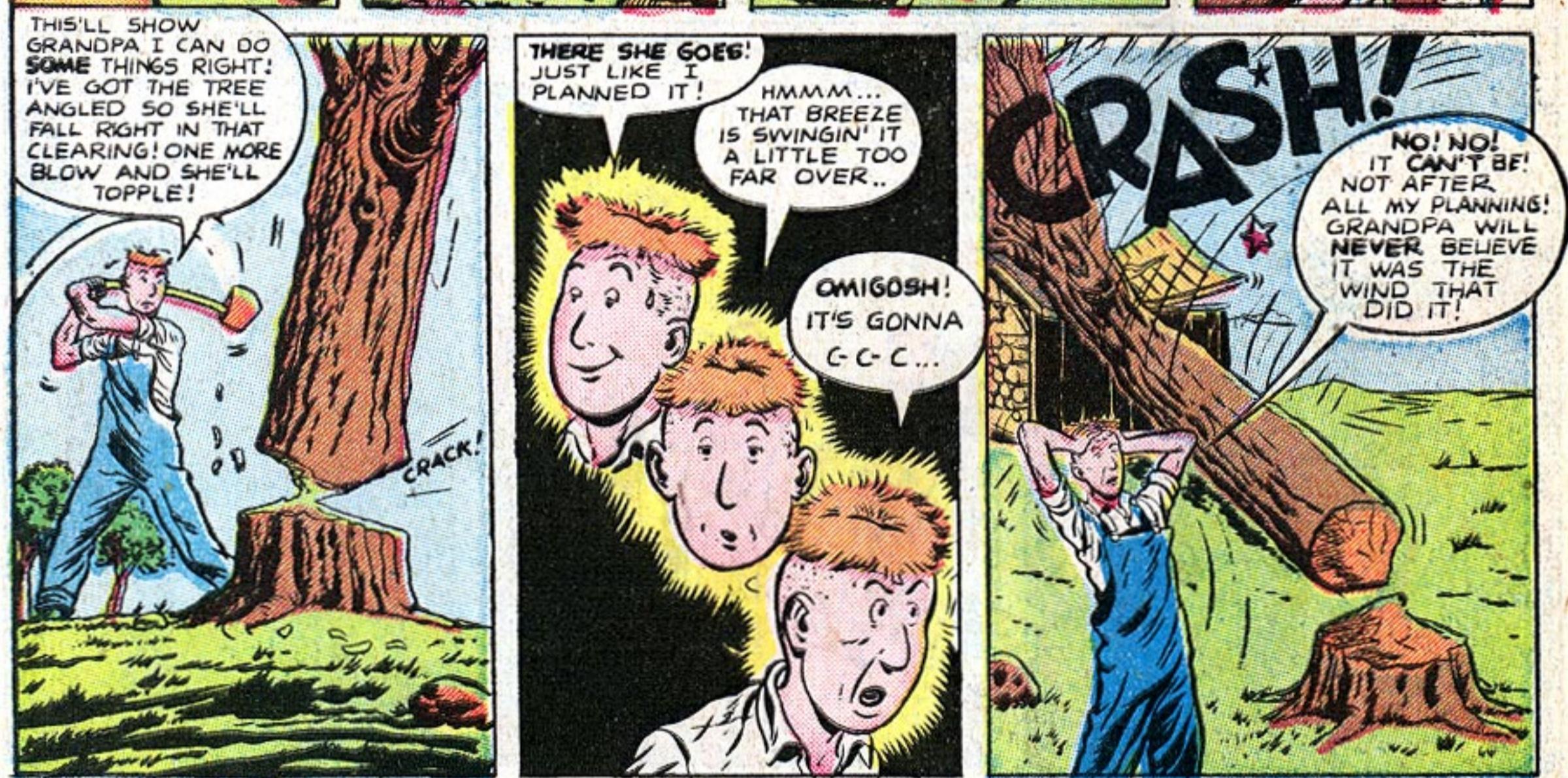
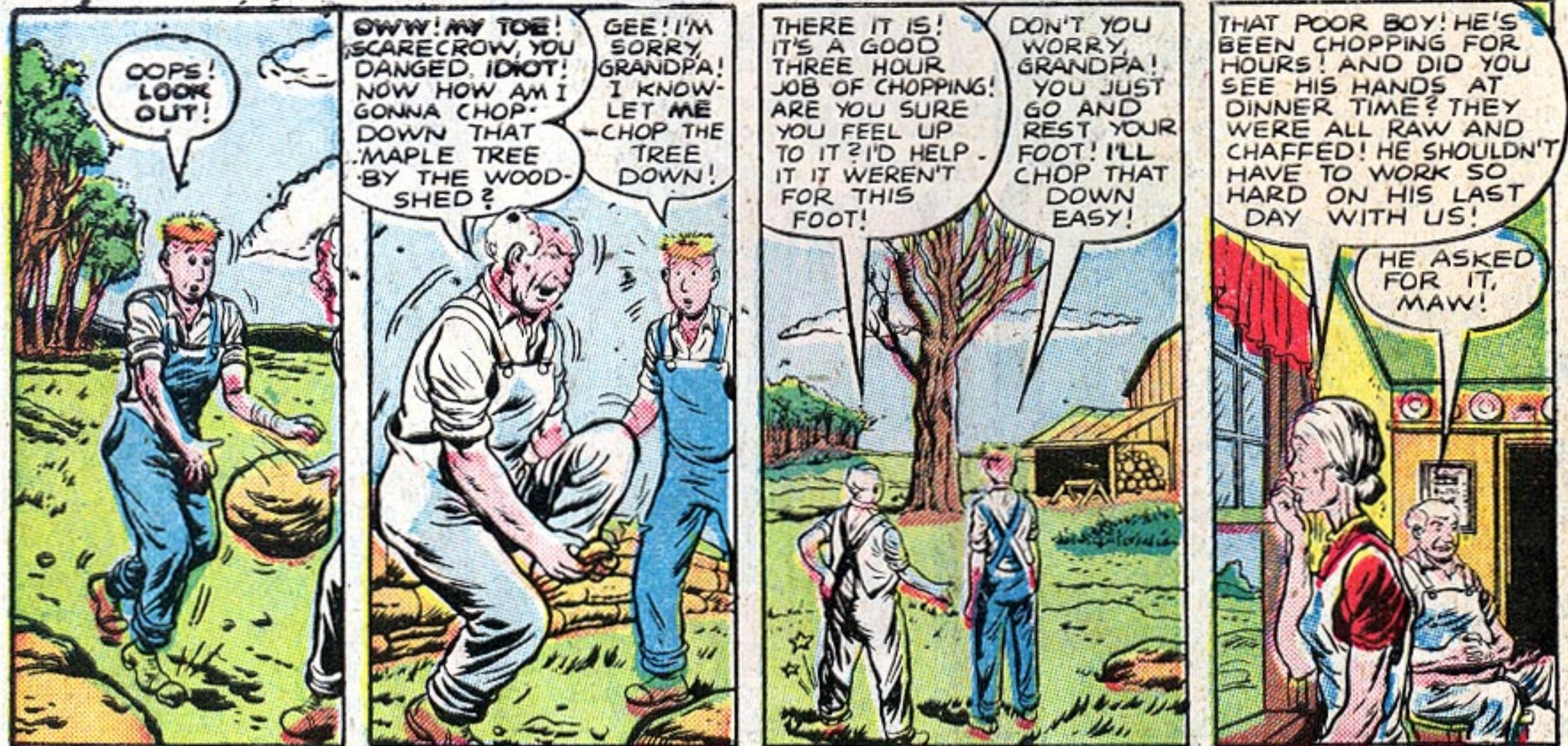
THAT
SCARECROW—
HE'S JUST
AS DUMB
AS EVER!

MORNING COMES
EARLY ON A
FARM! A ROOSTER
CROWS IN THE
BARNYARD... DAWN
BREAKS IN THE
EAST... AND ALL
THE FARM IS ASTIR!
WHEN THE SHORT,
CRISP FALL DAYS
APPROACH, MANY
THINGS MUST BE
MADE IN READINESS
FOR WINTER! CORN
MUST BE HUSKED...
WOOD MUST BE
CHOPPED... AND
STONE FENCES
MUST BE REPAIRED!

HERE'S ONE JOB WHERE
I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT YOU GETTING
INTO TROUBLE! GOOD
EXERCISE, TOO, BUILDS
YOU UP!

(PUFF) (PUFF)
HUH-IT
SURE IS!
(GASP)







NO, I'M NOT! YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE! ONLY REMEMBER, IT'S STILL PARTLY UP TO YOU TO GET YOUR LUCK STARTED, BY BELIEVING YOU CAN DO THINGS - THAT'S SELF-RELIANCE! MY MAGIC WON'T WORK, UNLESS YOU HELP IT ALONG!

UHUUH! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU, BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY!... SAY! DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

MY WATCH SAYS 8:15!

GOOD-BYE, SON, AND DON'T FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT LUCK!

8:15! MIGOSH! MY TRAIN LEAVES AT 8:45! I'VE GOT TO GET GOING, OR I'LL MISS IT! I'M AWFUL GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU, MISTER, G'BYE!

I HATE TO RUSH OFF LIKE THIS, BUT I JUST HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES TO CATCH MY TRAIN! I HAD A SWELL TIME! G'BYE!

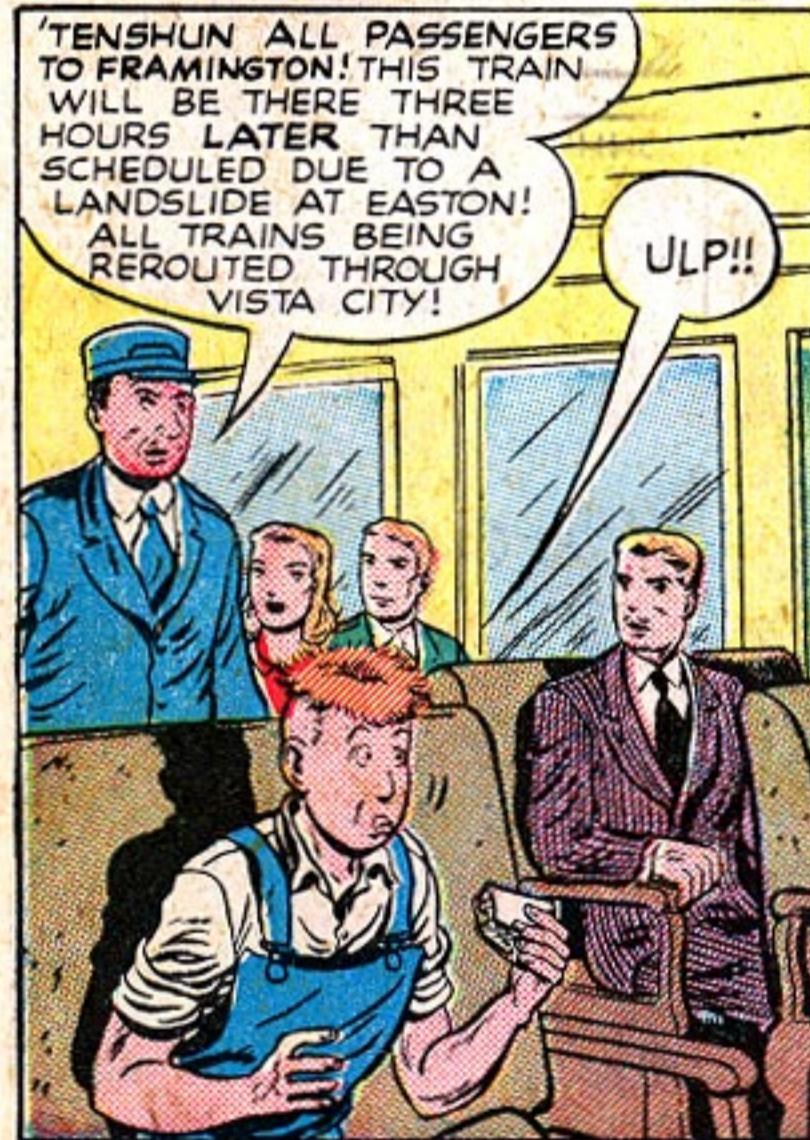


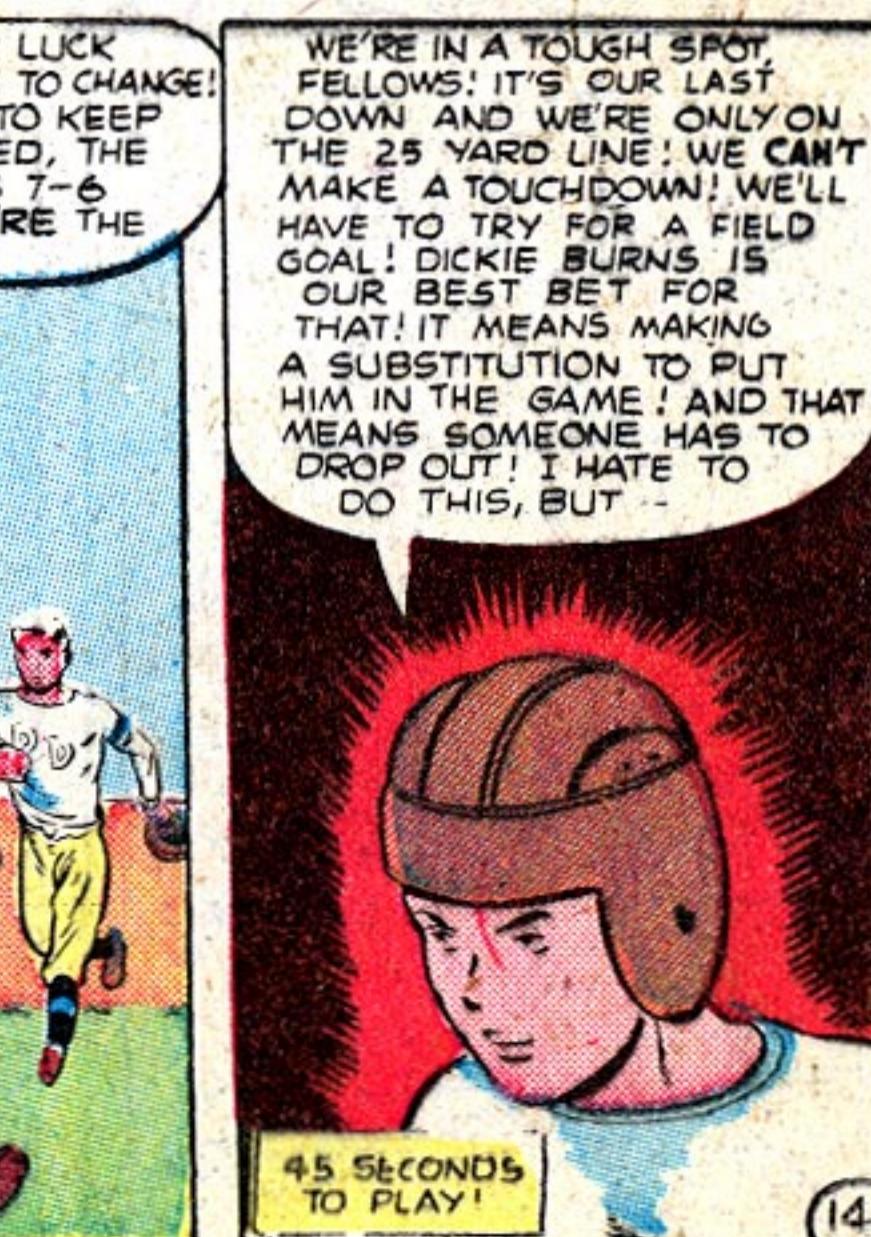
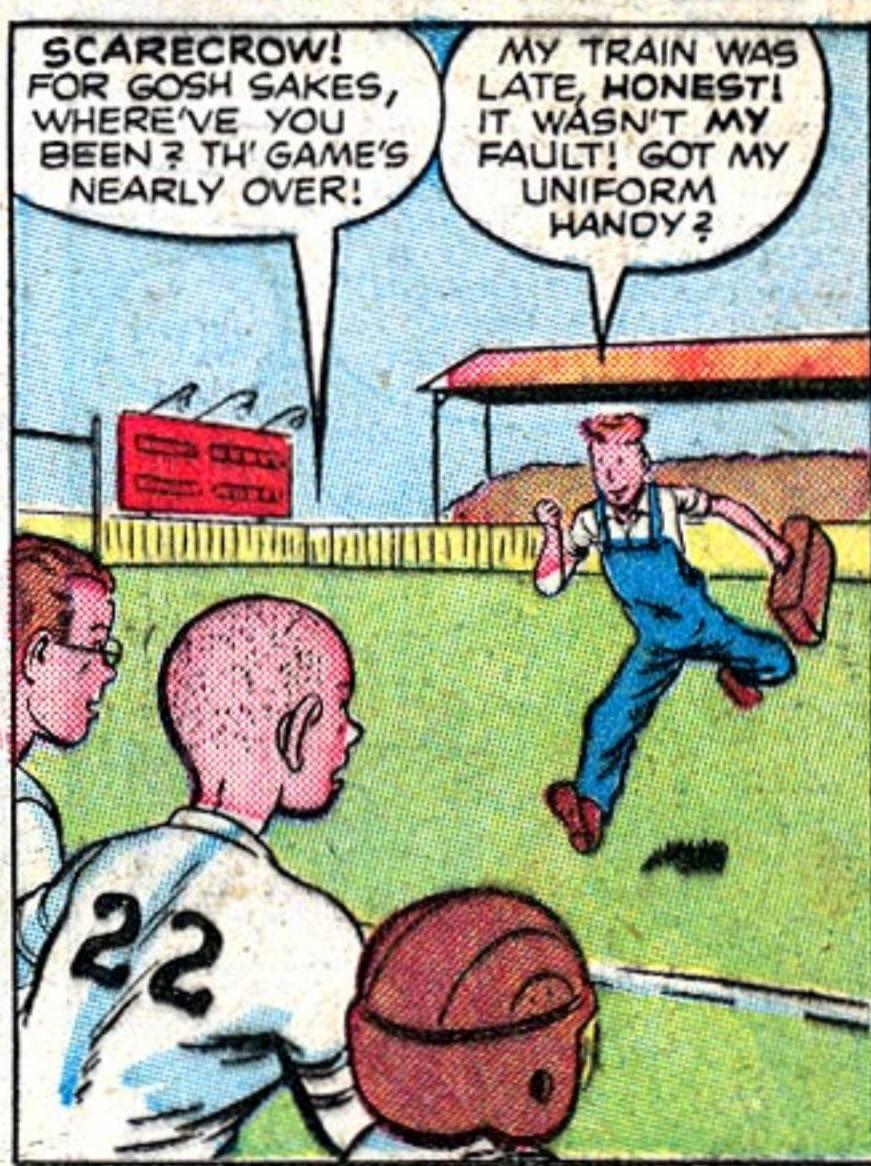
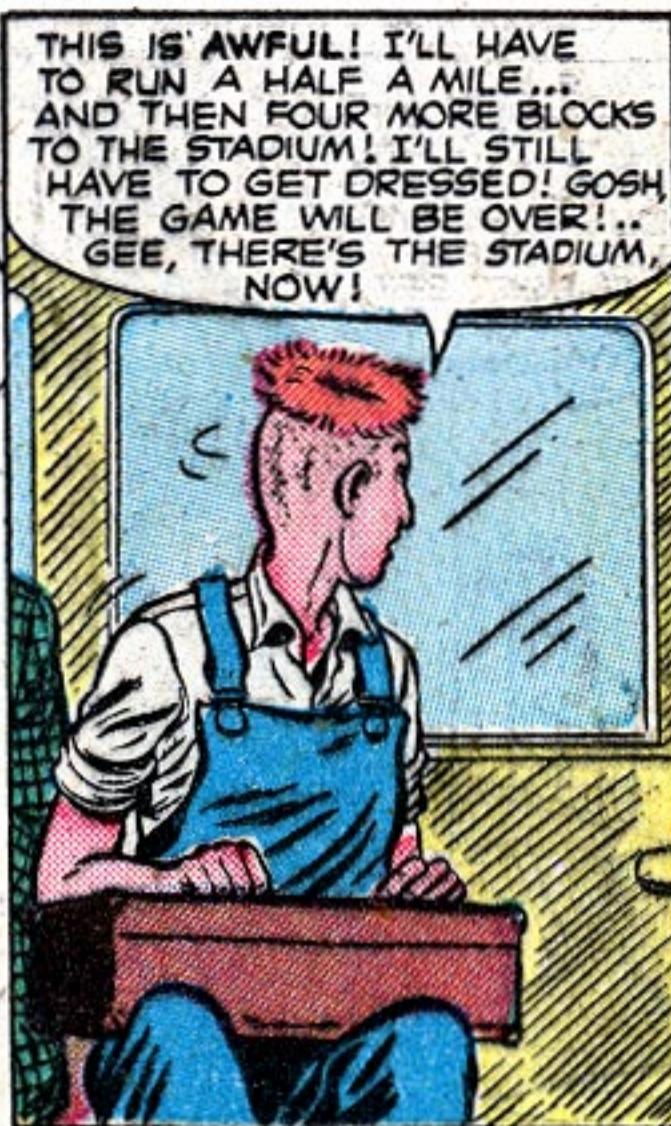
OF ALL THE DUMB THINGS! OKAY I'LL BACK UP!

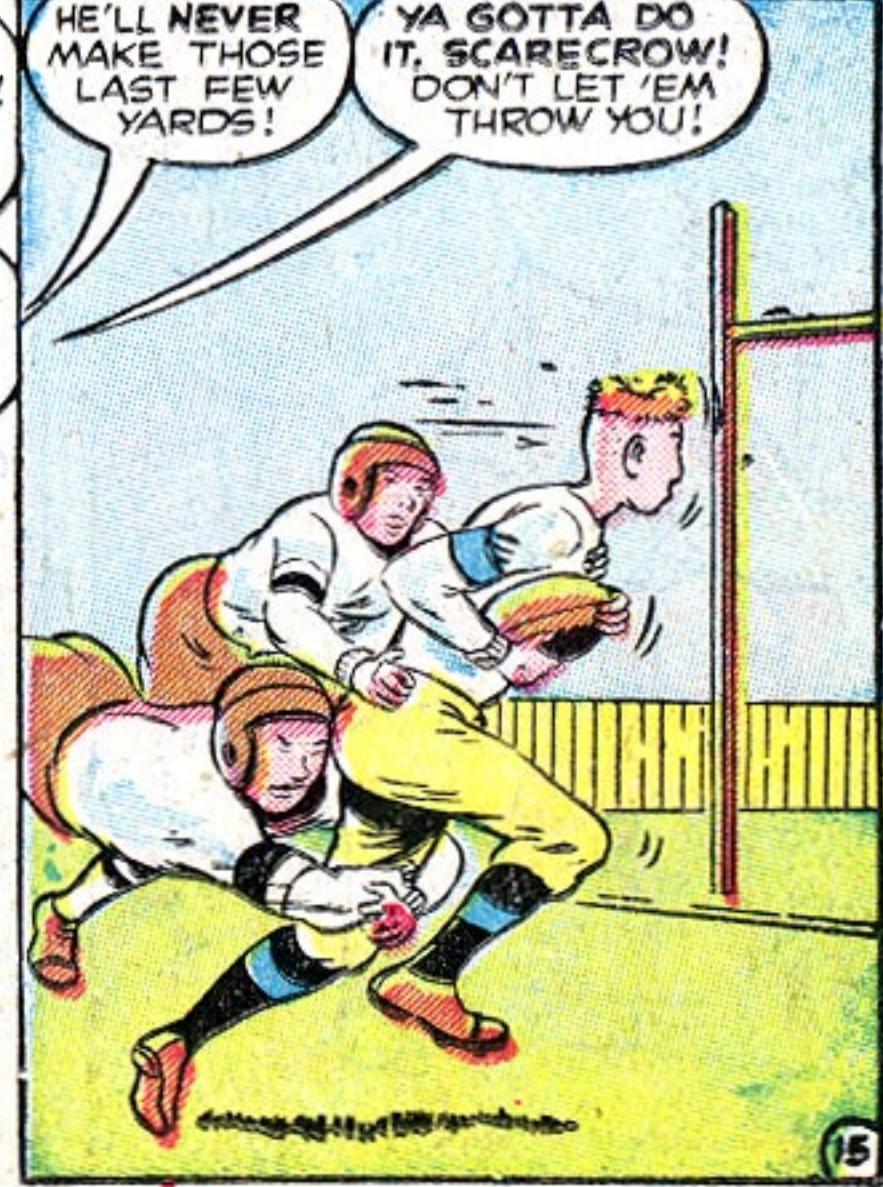
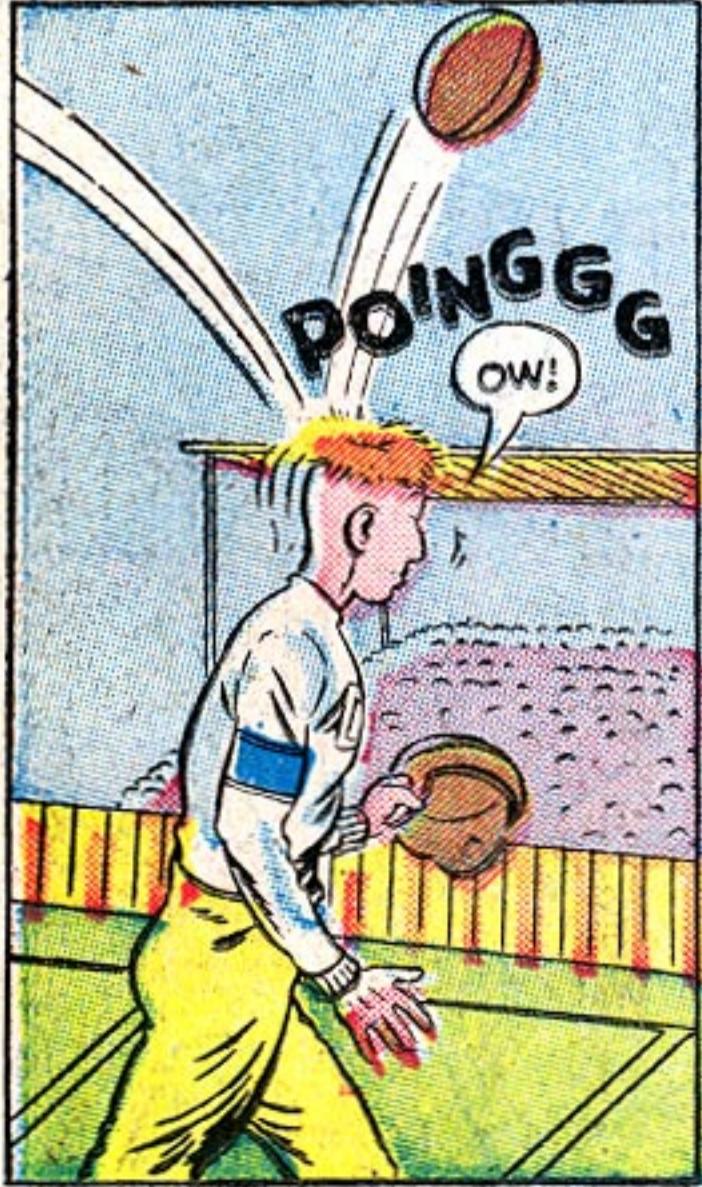
AIRPORT? THERE AIN'T AN AIRPORT WITHIN A HUNDRED MILES OF HERE, AND NO MORE TRAINS TILL... SAY, WHAT TH... HERE'S THE 8:45 REVERSING BACK! IT NEVER DID THAT BEFORE!

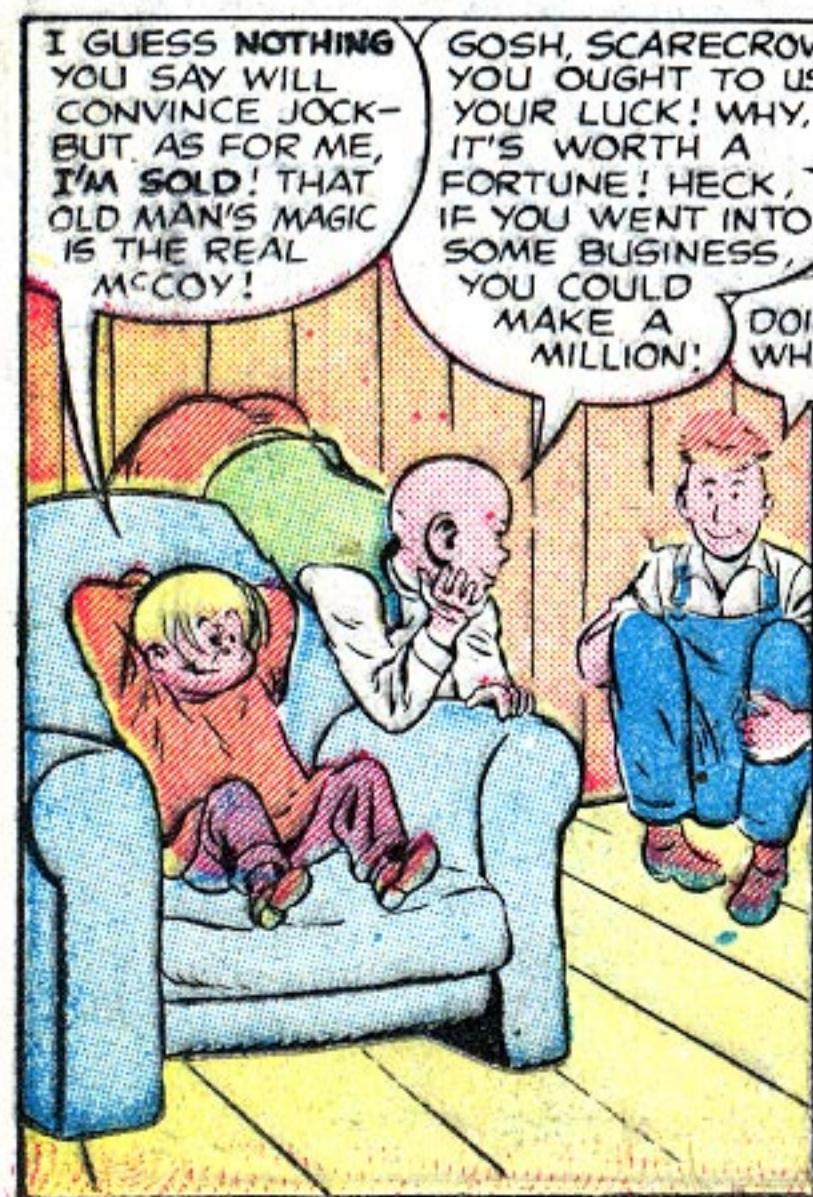
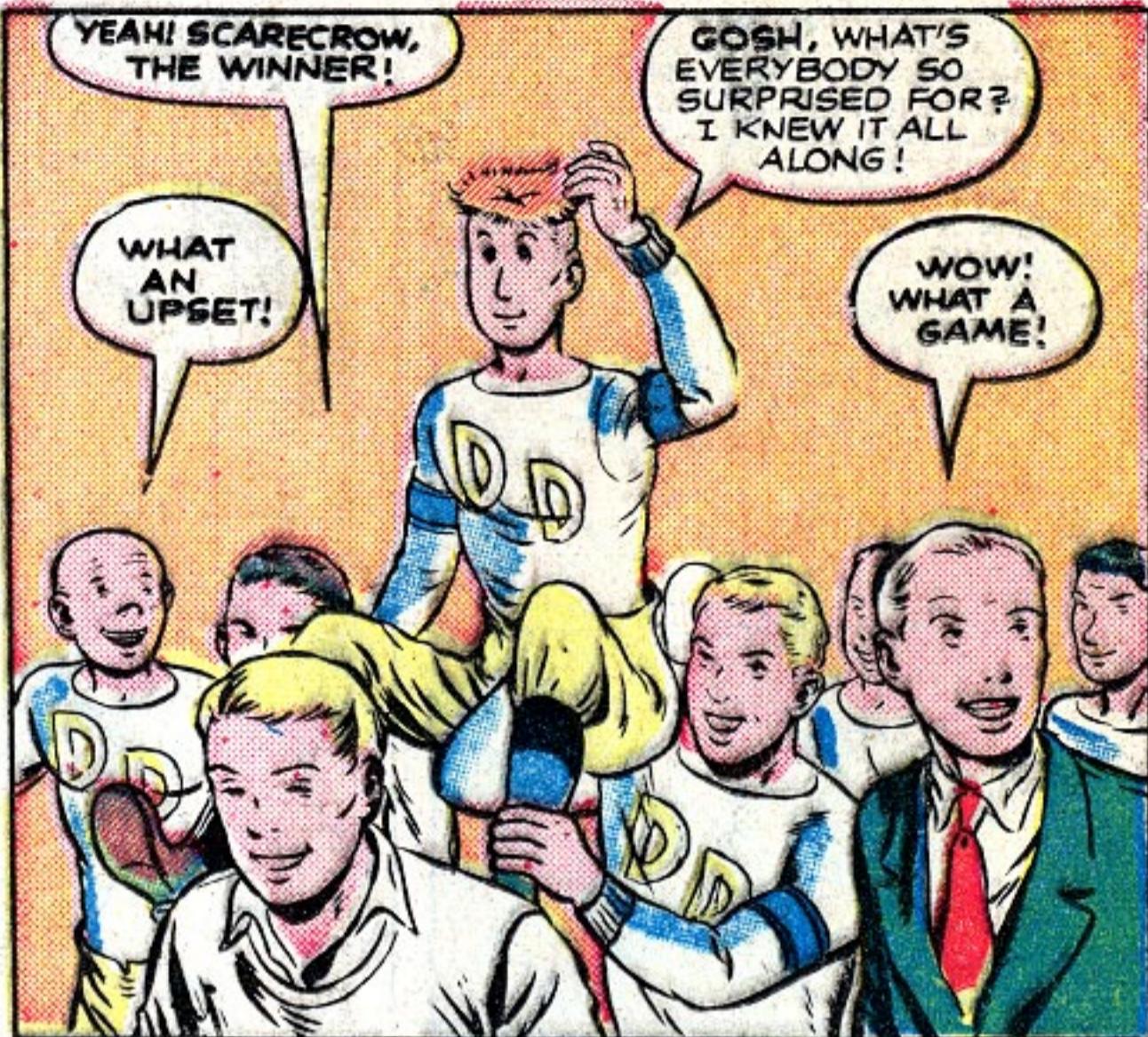
GOSH - I CAUGHT IT AFTER ALL! GEE, AND IF I'D GIVEN UP AND GONE BACK TO GRANDPA'S WITHOUT TRYIN', I'D HAVE MISSED IT AGAIN! HUH, MAYBE THAT LUCKY BUSINESS IS TRUE!

IT NEVER BACKED UP BEFORE! THE STATION MASTER SAID SO - LUCKIEST GUY IN THE WORLD, THAT'S ME! TOMORROW I'LL WIN THE GAME, AND...









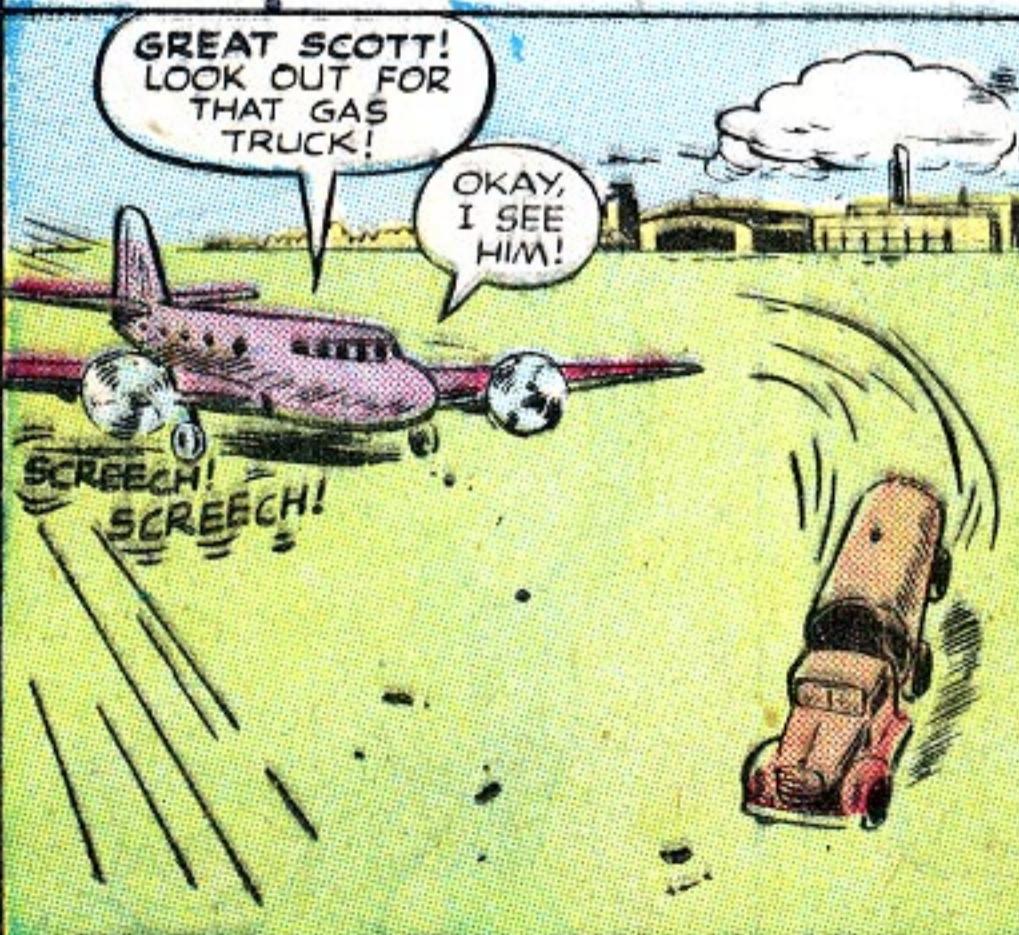
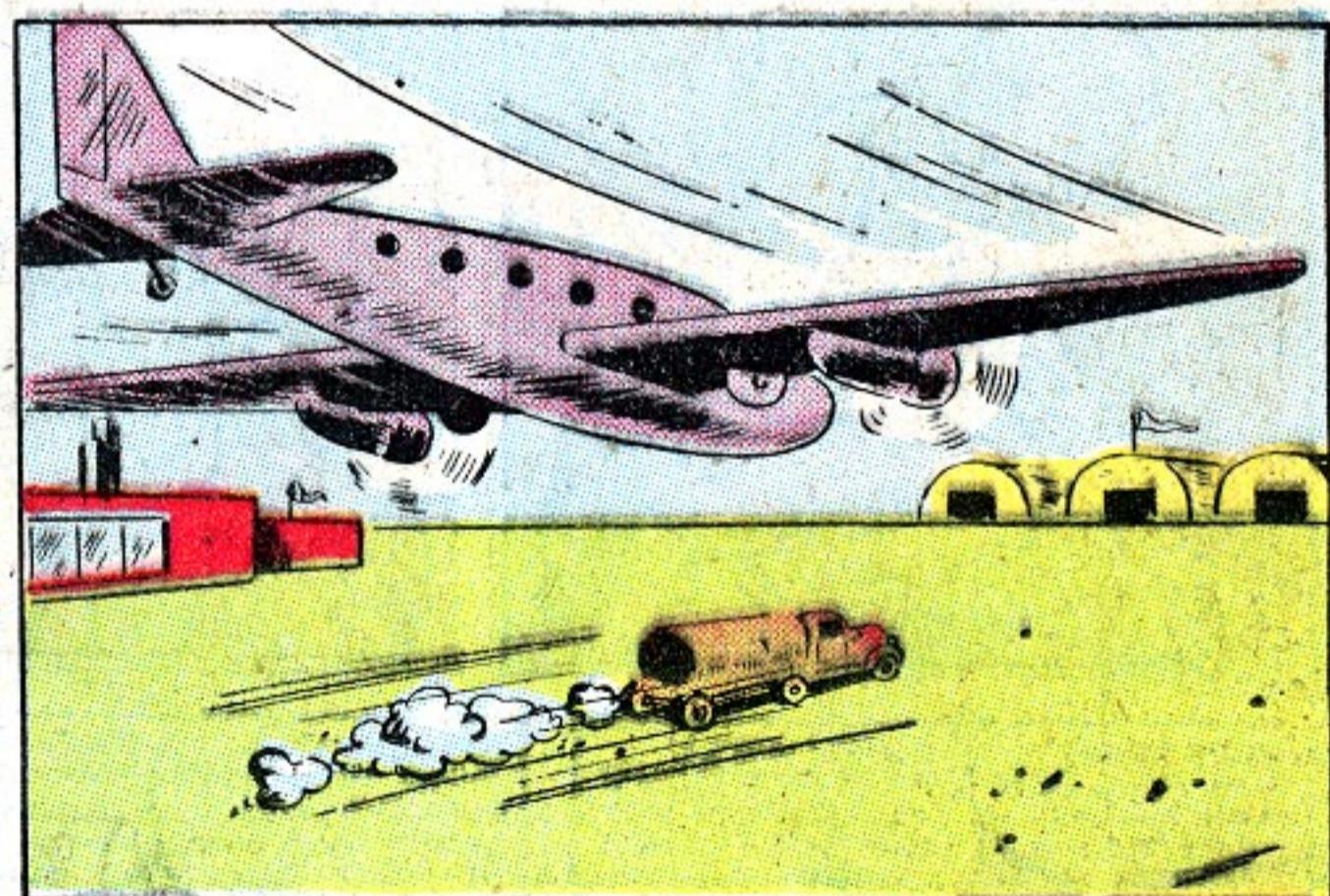
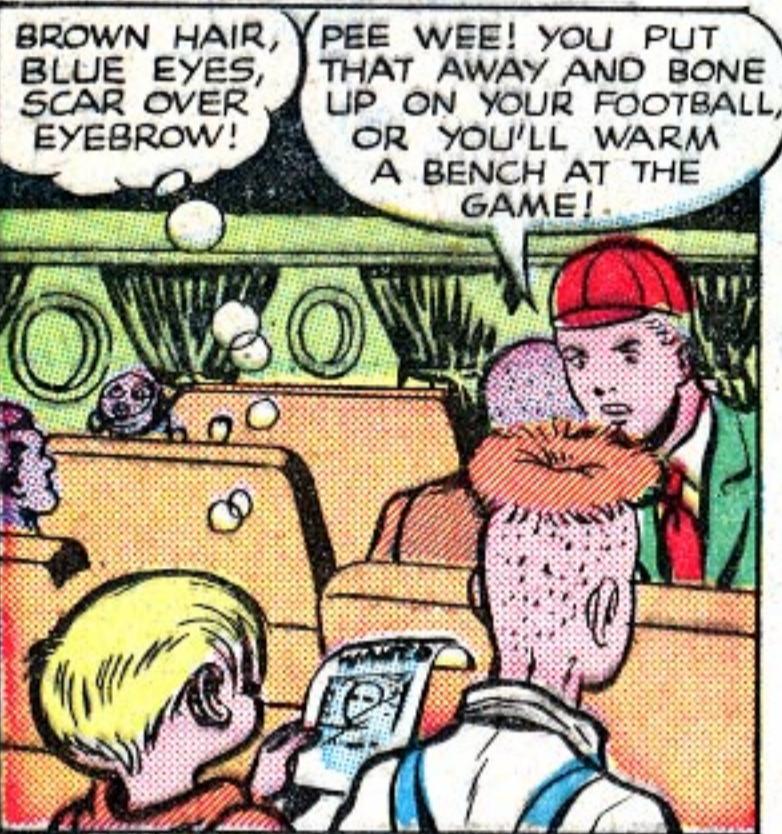


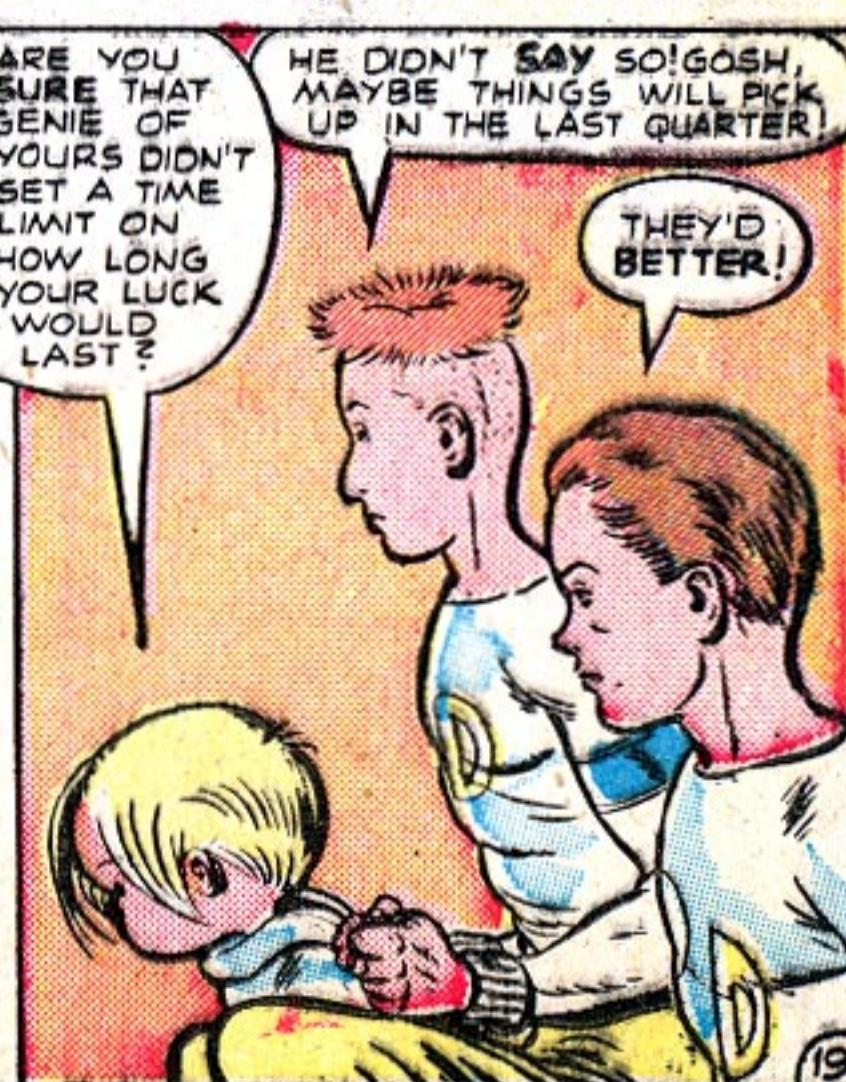
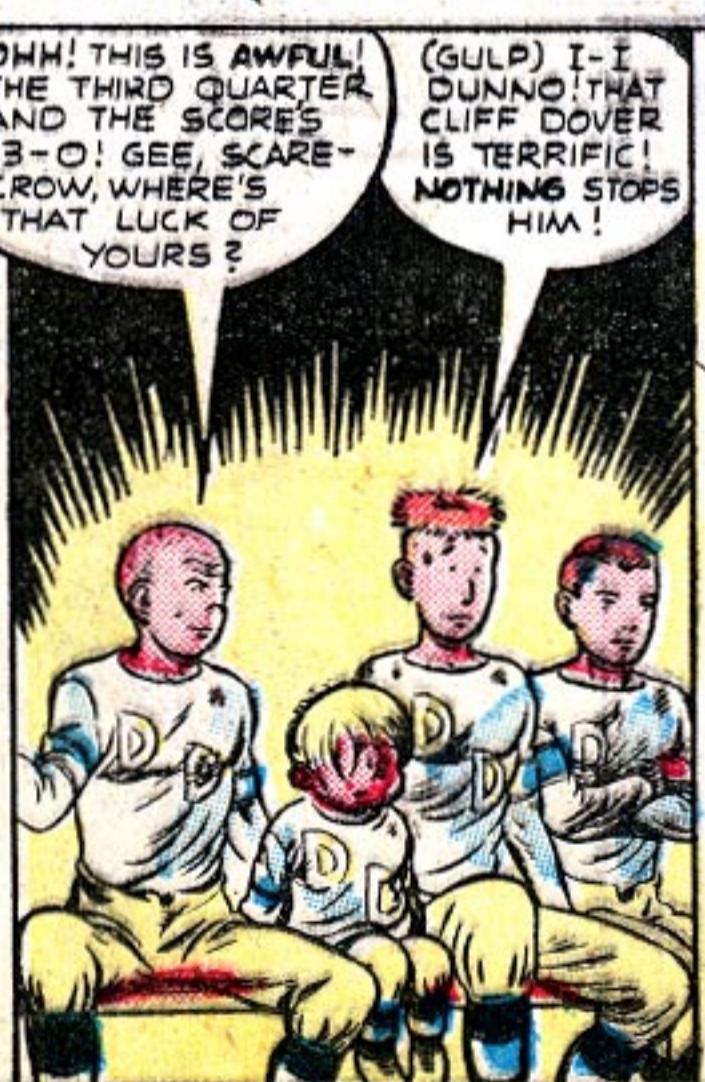
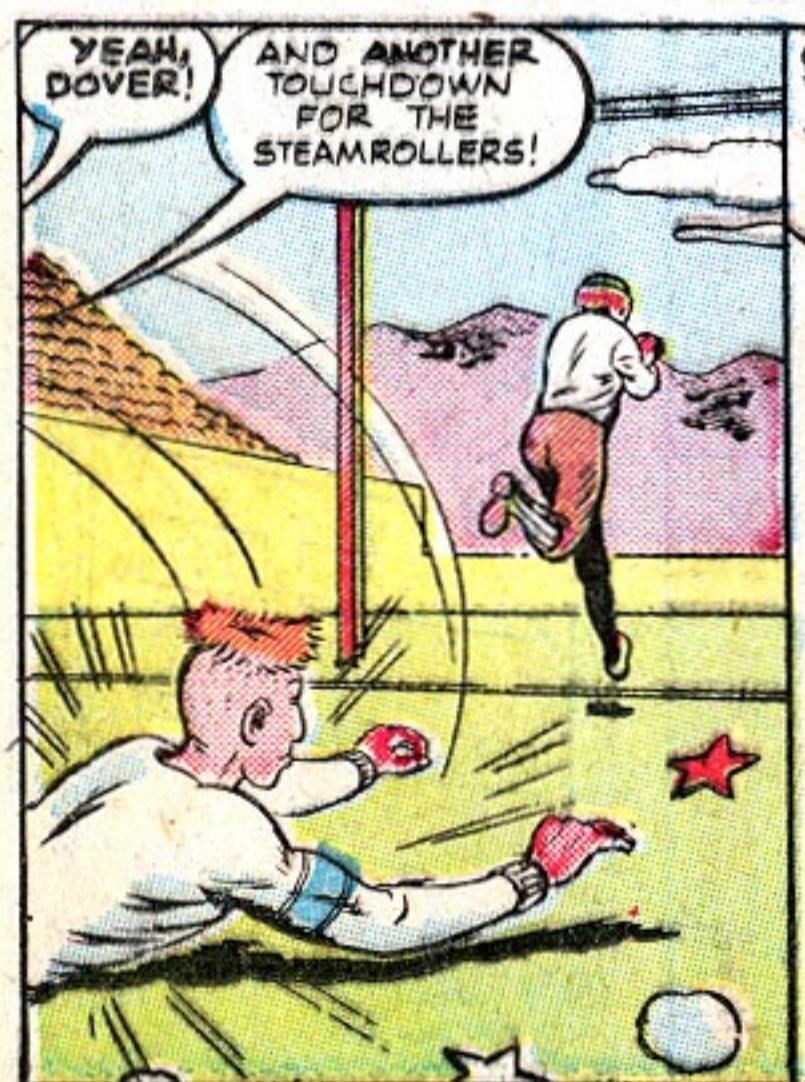
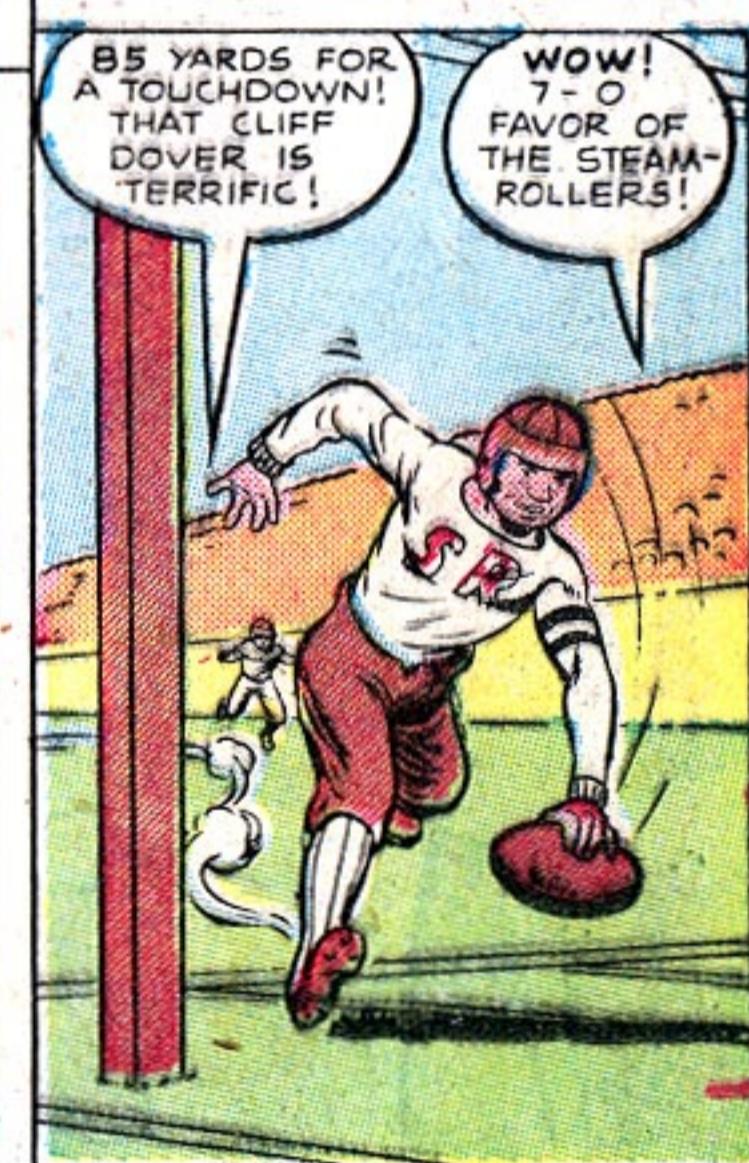
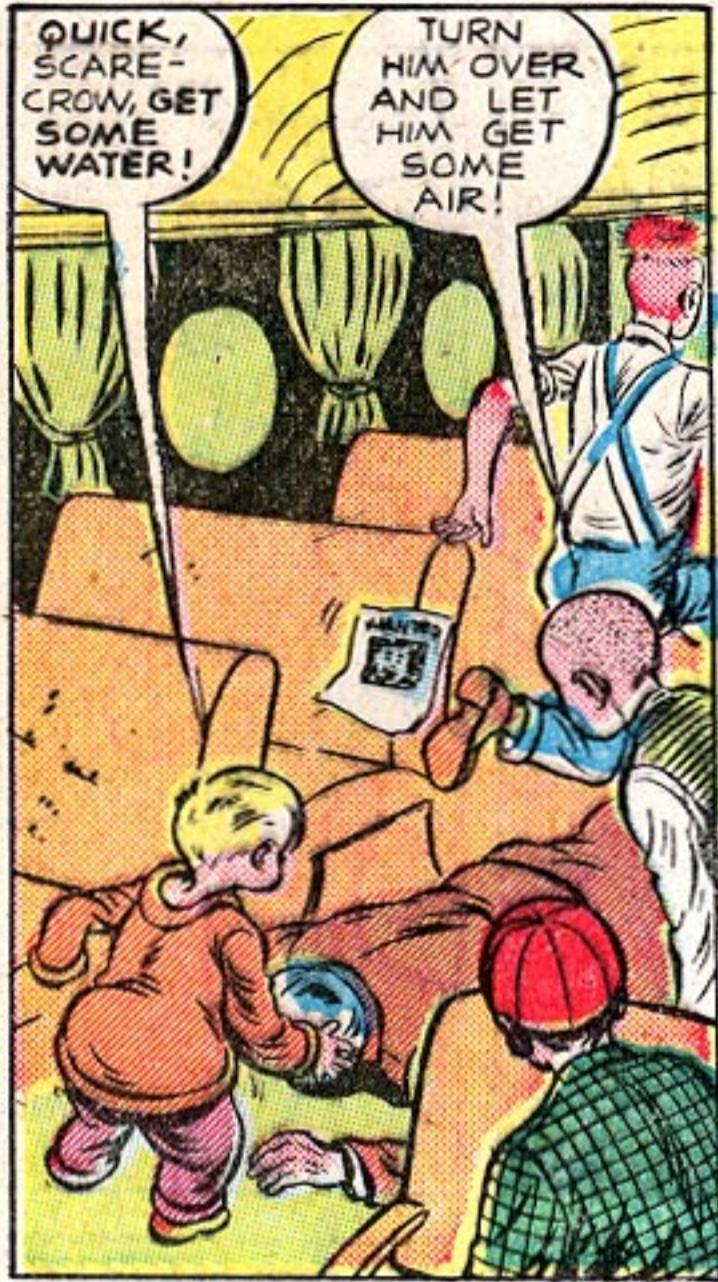
WHEW! I'M BUSHED!
I'VE NEVER LOOKED
AT SO MANY FACES
IN MY LIFE—AND
NOT ONE OF 'EM WAS
TONY VALIS'! HONEST,
I FEEL CROSS-EYED!

ME, TOO! GEE,
SCARECROW, WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOUR
LUCK? IT'S BEEN
TWO WHOLE DAYS
SINCE YOU'VE BEEN
LOOKIN' FOR THAT
VALIS GUY!

IF YOU ASK ME, YOU SHOULD
SAVE YOUR LUCK FOR THE
GAME, SCARECROW! DO YOU
REALIZE WE'LL BE LEAVING
FOR THE GAME TOMORROW?
EVER SINCE YOU GOT THIS
CRAZY DETECTIVE AGENCY
IDEA, YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT
OF ANYTHING ELSE! WHY DON'T
YOU GUYS FORGET IT UNTIL
THE GAME IS OVER!

BOY! I'VE
NEVER BEEN
ON A PLANE
AS BIG AS
THIS IN MY
LIFE!





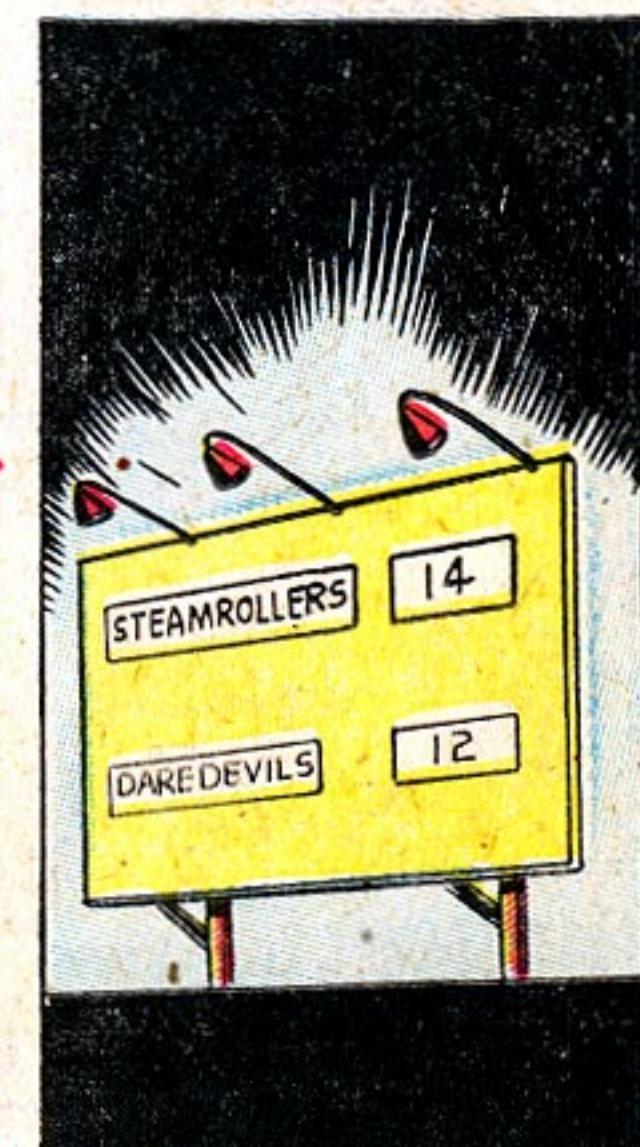
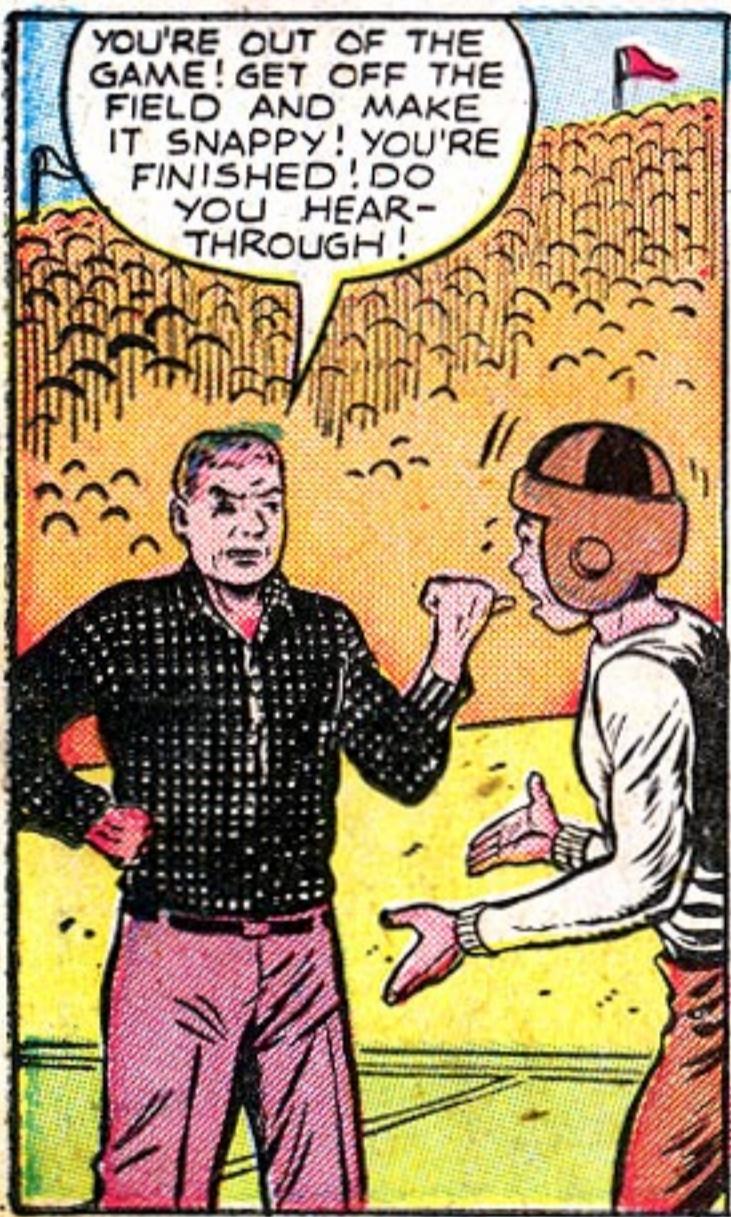
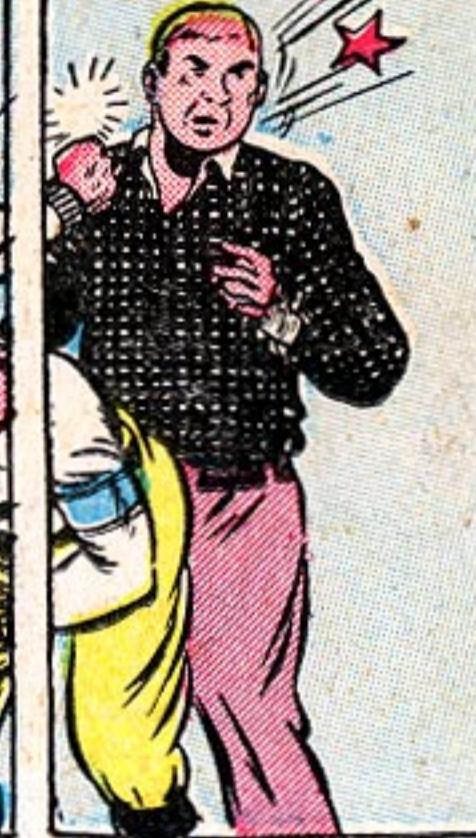
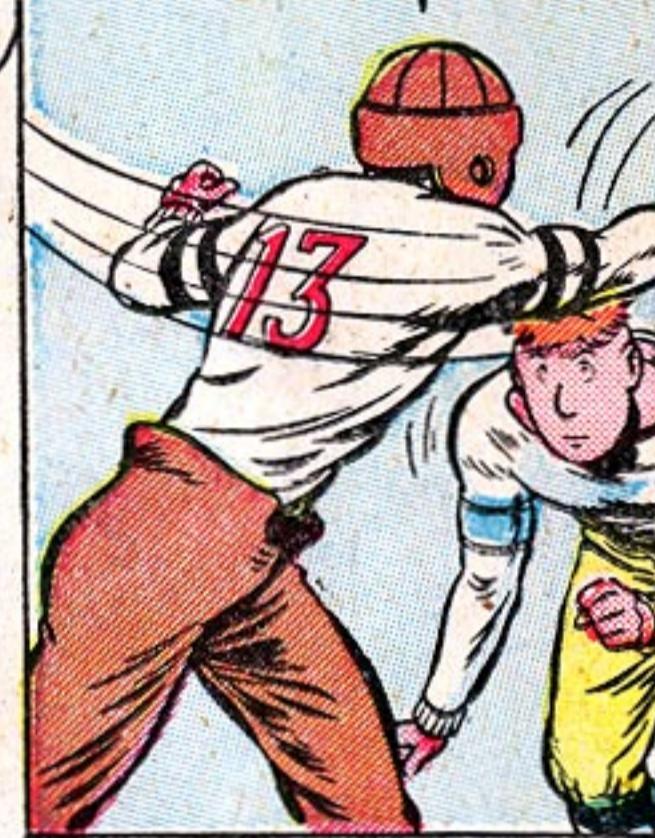
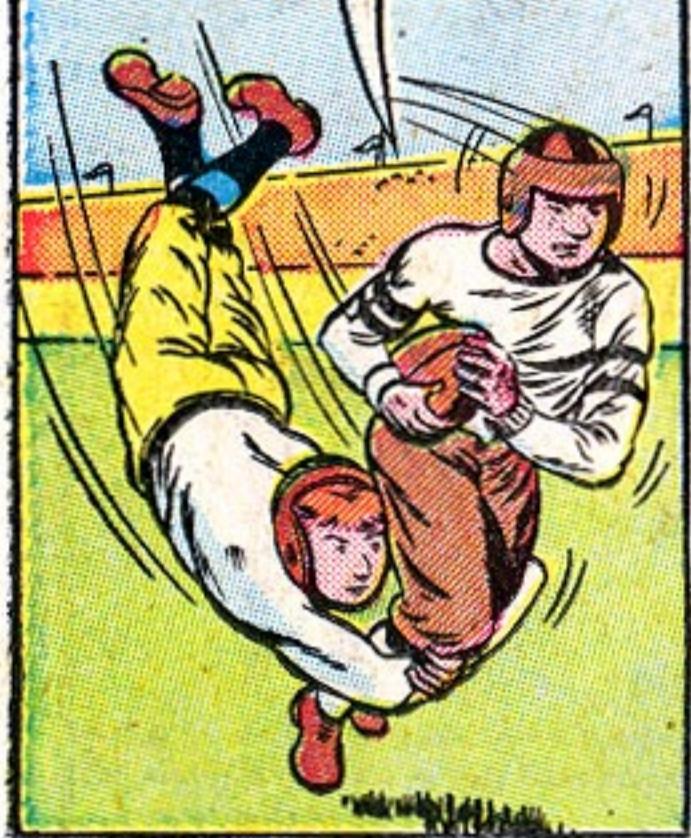
LOOK! AT LAST SOMEONE TACKLED THAT DOVER CHAP, BUT THEY CAN'T LOSE WITH HIM IN THE GAME! HE'S TOO FAST AND MUCH OLDER THAN THOSE OTHER KIDS!

YOU SCRAPPY BEANPOLE! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I DO TO GUYS WHO TACKLE ME FOUL!

FOUL! YOU'RE OFF YOUR BEAN, DOVER! WHAT DO YOU MEAN? THAT WAS A CLEAN TACKLE!

WHO'S OFF HIS BEAN? I'M GONNA KNOCK YOURS RIGHT OFF YOUR DIRTY NECK!

HEY! BREAK IT UP...



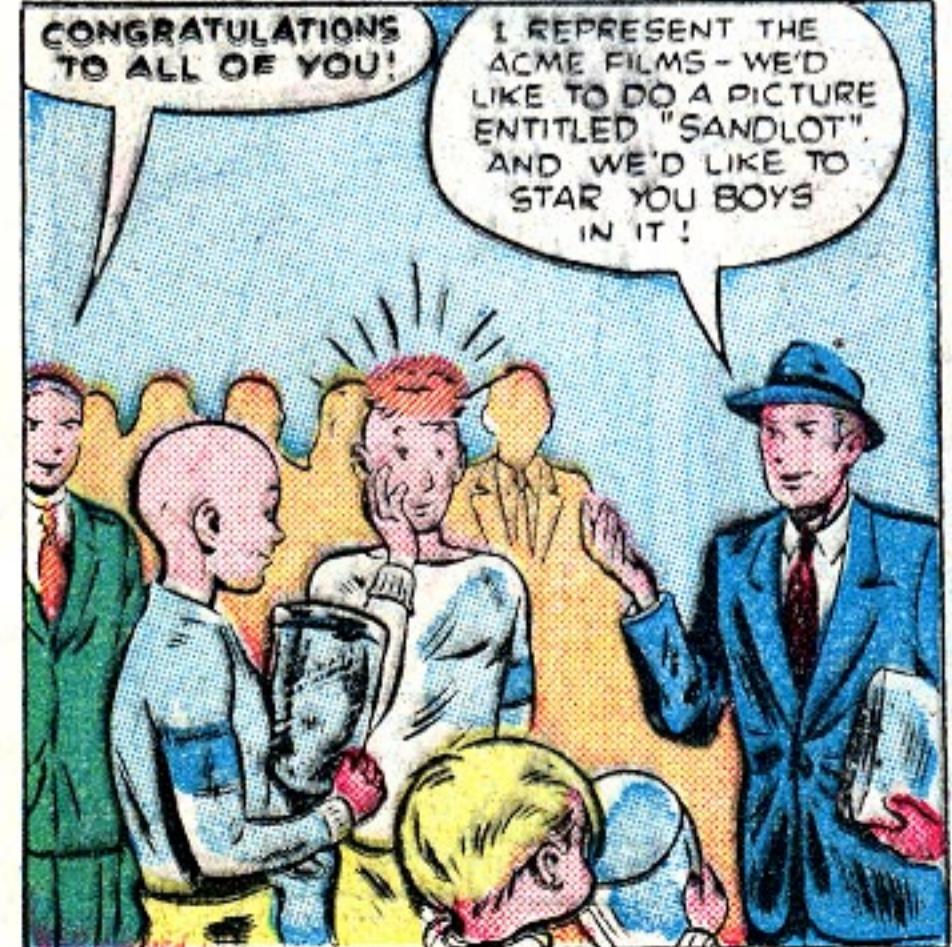
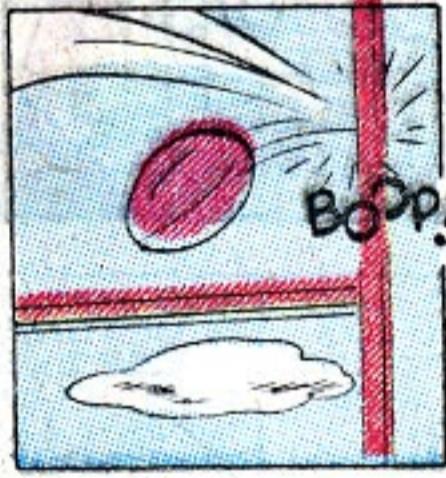
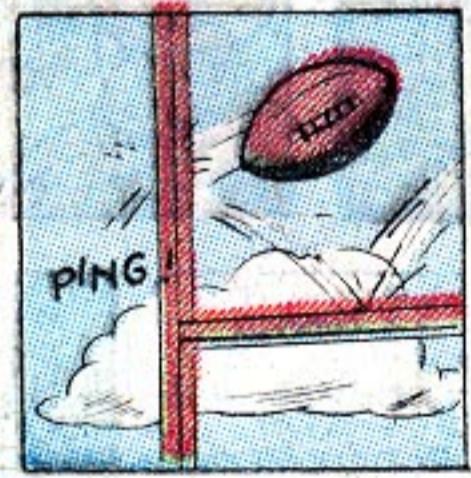
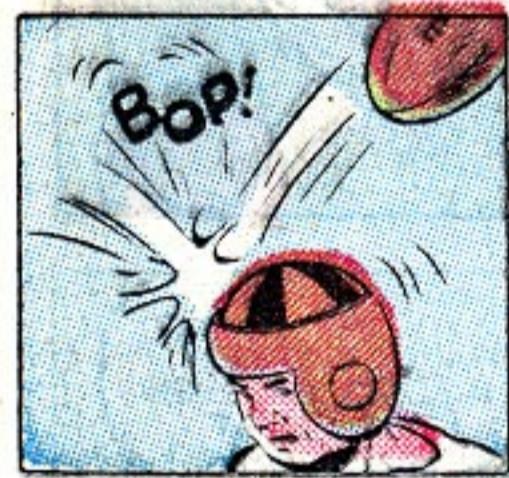
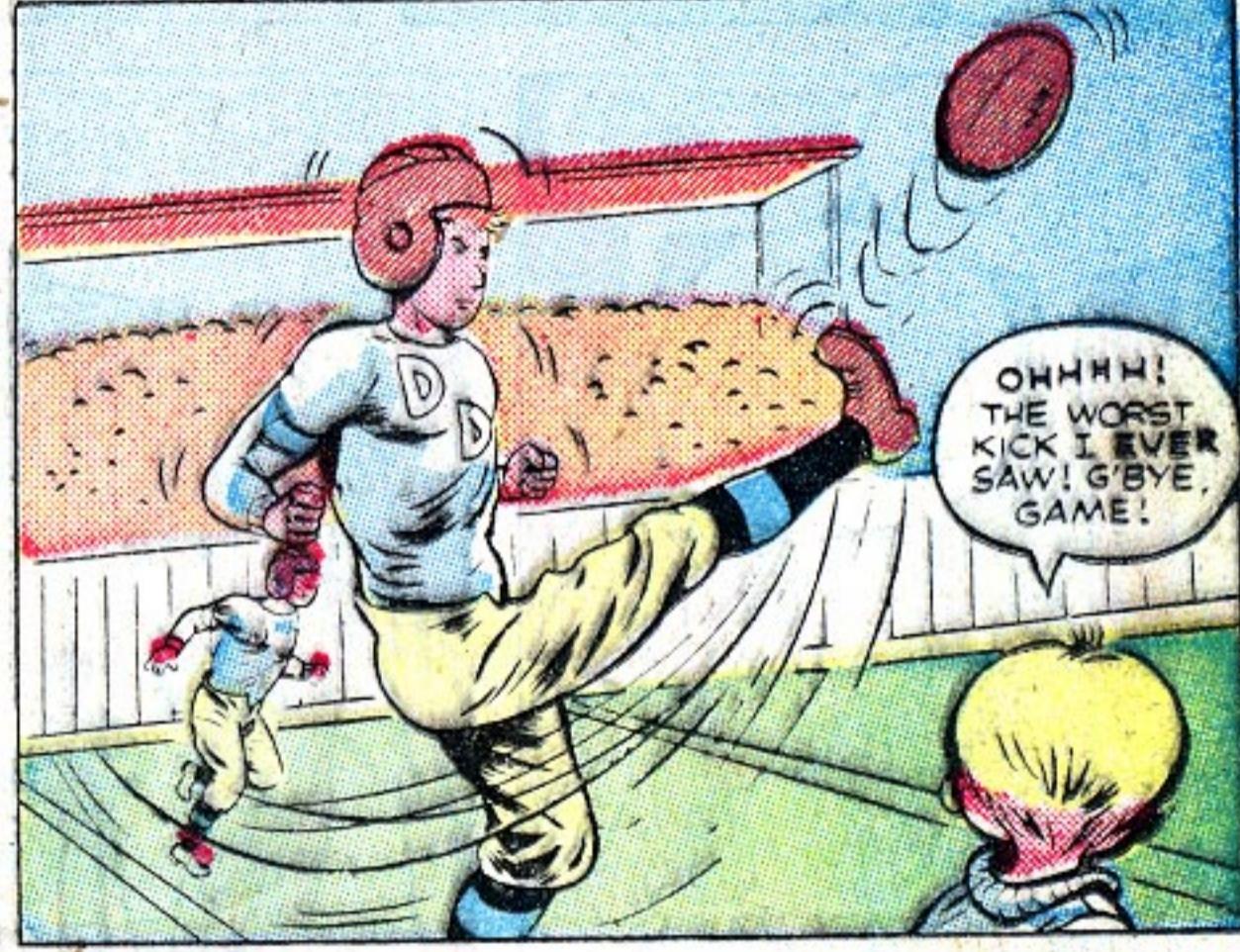
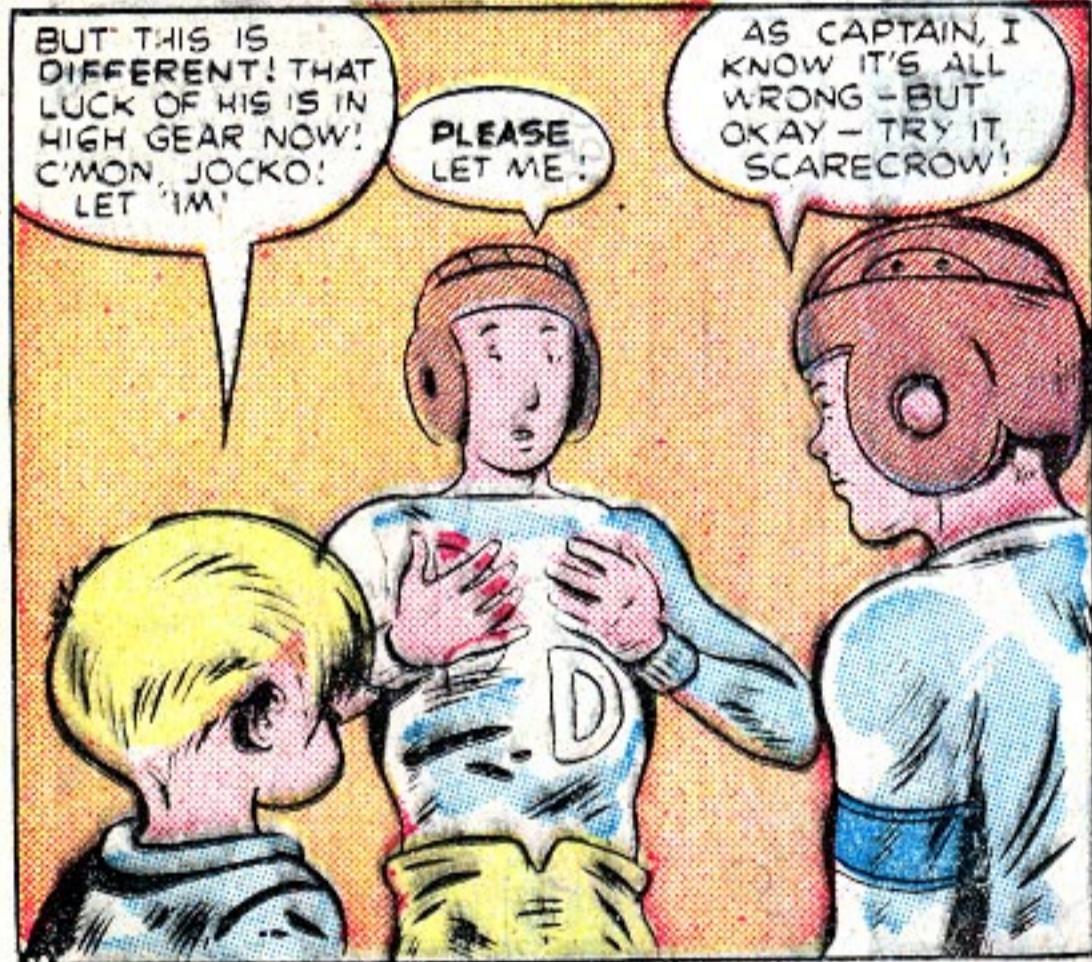
THERE'S ONLY A MINUTE OF PLAYING TIME LEFT! IT'S OUR LAST DOWN AND WE'RE ONLY ON THE 30-YARD LINE! I THINK OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO TRY FOR A FIELD GOAL, AGAIN!

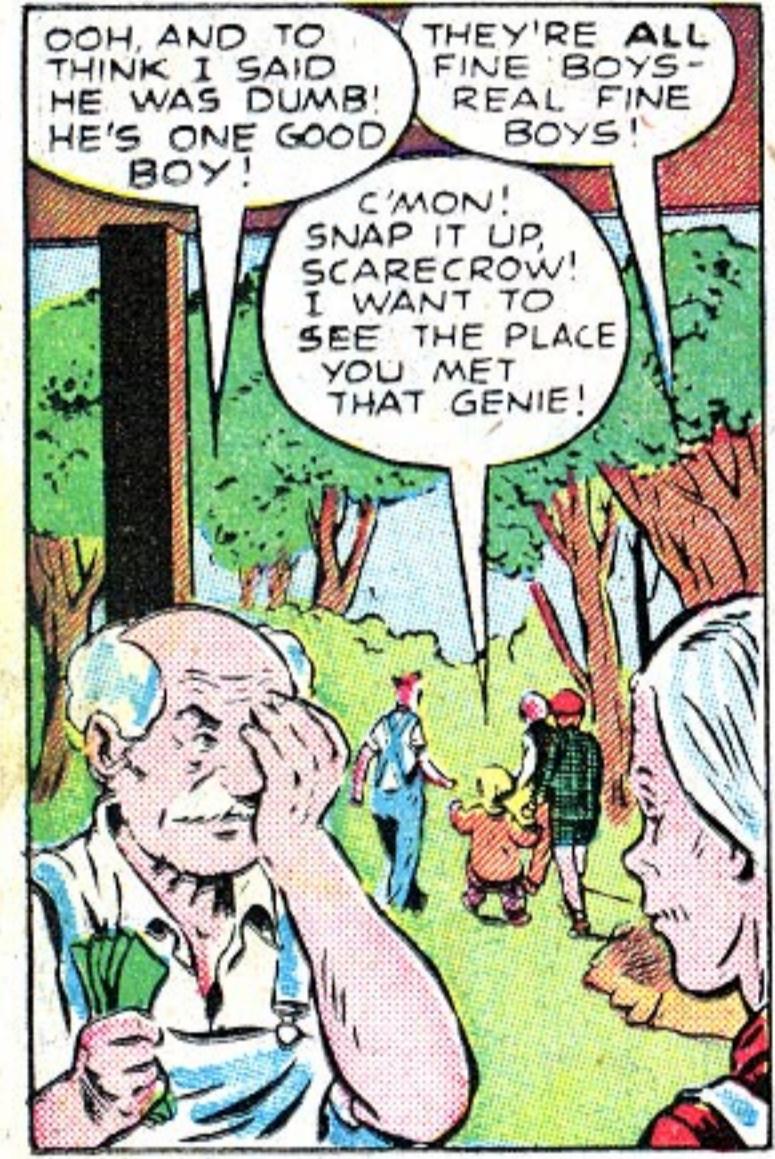
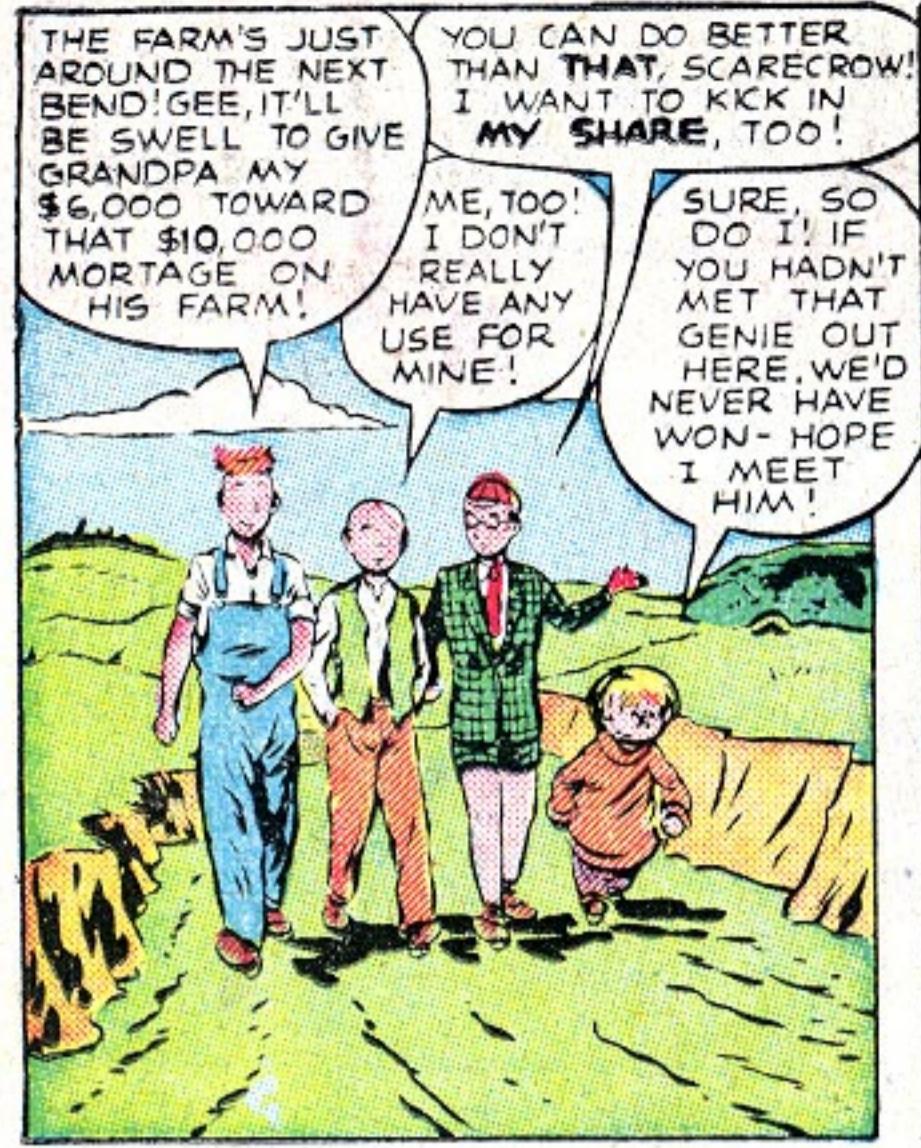
IT'S A LONG CHANCE BUT IT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO!

LET ME DO IT, JOCK! LET ME! WITH ALL MY LUCK, I CAN'T MISS!

AW, LET HIM, JOCK! IF EVER WE NEEDED A MIRACLE, WE NEED IT NOW!

BE REASONABLE, PEE WEE-SCARECROW CAN'T KICK WORTH A DARN AND YOU KNOW IT! IT WAS JUST DUMB LUCK THE LAST TIME!





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WE ARE SURE IT IS NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO BETTER OUR LAST EFFORTS WITH EACH NEW ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL! ACCORDING TO THE RESPONSE TO THE STORY ABOUT PETEY DAVIS IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE NO. 50, WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS! THESE ARE SOME OF THE HEAD-SWELLING LETTERS THAT THE STORY WE REFER TO RECEIVED! OUR FIRST OBLIGATION IS TO ENTERTAIN YOU! HOWEVER, IF THESE STORIES ARE ABLE TO TEACH SOME MORAL TO EVEN ONE WHO NEEDS IT, THEY HAVE DONE MORE THAN IS RIGHTLY EXPECTED OF THEM! THE PROOF THAT DAREDEVIL IS GOING EVEN ONE BETTER IS BETWEEN THE LINES OF THESE AND THE MANY THOUSANDS OF LETTERS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU!

the editors

AFTER READING DAREDEVIL COMICS NO. 50, I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON YOUR WONDERFUL WORK. PETEY NO. 2 WAS AN EXCELLENT PORTRAYAL OF A BOY WHO HAD A CHANCE TO BE A GREAT OLYMPIC STAR OR LEAD A LIFE OF CRIME, FEAR AND DESPAIR. IF MORE BOYS AND GIRLS WOULD READ THAT STORY, I'M SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE LESS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

HARRIET CUTLER
1625 EAST 13TH ST.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

IN YOUR NO. 50 ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL YOU SHOWED DAVIS COULD HAVE CHOSEN THE BETTER PATH TO FAME INSTEAD OF MEETING AN EARLY DEATH. I'M SURE THAT MANY OTHERS LIKE MYSELF WOULD ENJOY MORE STORIES OF THAT KIND.

WANDA DATTIS
45 WARD STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

I DON'T WRITE MANY LETTERS BUT YOUR STORY ABOUT PETEY DAVIS IN DAREDEVIL NO. 50 BROUGHT EXCLAMATIONS FROM THE WHOLE FAMILY. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE BEST STORY I HAVE EVER READ IN A COMIC BOOK.

GEORGE DELURY
359 AUDITORIUM CIRCLE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

I READ FEW COMICS, SO IT WAS BY ACCIDENT THAT I READ THE STORY OF PETEY DAVIS. THIS LETTER IS TO TELL YOU I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE BEST SHORT STORIES I HAVE EVER READ -- FROM DE MAU-PASSANT TO MARK TWAIN -- AND I ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY.

SALIE GREENBERG
531 LEONARD ST.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

I HAVE JUST READ DAREDEVIL NO. 50. IF MORE BOYS, AND GIRLS, TOO, WOULD BE LIKE PETEY NO. 2 THERE WOULD BE LESS CRIME IN AMERICA. YOU HAVE GOD'S BLESSING FROM ME ON YOUR GOOD WORK AND YOUR INTEGRITY.

DOROTHY MAZERSKA, NO. 58
HUNGERFORD PACKING CO.
HUNGERFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

I HAD TO SIT DOWN AND WRITE YOU A LETTER COMPLIMENTING YOU ON AN EXCELLENT ISSUE. I ESPECIALLY LIKE DAREDEVIL'S STORY ABOUT PETEY DAVIS. IT HELD MY INTEREST TO THE VERY END AS NO STORY HAS BEFORE. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR SUCH A SWELL ISSUE.

LOWELL G. GILBERT
BOX 125
 OSSIAN, IOWA

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR THE FINE JOB YOUR MAGAZINE IS DOING. IN MY ESTIMATION THIS IS THE BEST AND MOST INTELLIGENT STRIKE AGAINST JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. I SHOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE FOR AN EXTREMELY CONVINCING AND WELL-HANDED STORY, PLUS AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THE ART.

F.H. WITTE
HARVARD, MASS.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL. IT PROVES BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND CLEAN FUN REALLY PAY OFF. IT ALSO PROVES THAT WE CHOOSE OUR OWN FUTURE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.

BEVERLY HAFNER
GENERAL DELIVERY
YUBA CITY, CALIF.

DEAR MR. BIRO:
MAY I, A MERE TEEN-AGER, HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT YOU WITH AN OSCAR AND MY OWN PERSONAL NOBEL PRIZE FOR YOUR SINCERE AND STIRRING STORY OF PETEY DAVIS IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL. I, MYSELF, AM MORE THAN MILDLY INTERESTED IN JOURNALISTIC EFFORTS, AND SINCERELY APPRAUD YOUR WONDERFUL STORY -- WHICH IN ALL REALITY CANNOT BE CALLED A STORY. IT REPRESENTS THE IDEALS OF AMERICANISM, THE HUMANE AND REAL SIDE OF OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. IT IS MORE THAN JUST A MERE TALE YOU WOVE, MR. BIRO, IT WAS TRULY AN ACHIEVEMENT. CONTINUED SUCCESS, AND MAY YOUR PUBLICATION REACH EVERY CORNER WHERE HUMAN LIFE EXISTS IN THE UNIVERSE.

MISS BEVERLY LEVIN
1355 SO. KOLIN AVE.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I THINK DAREDEVIL REALLY PROVES THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY IN ISSUE NO. 50. THE SECOND PETEY DAVIS NOT ONLY MADE A GOOD FUTURE FOR HIMSELF, BUT ALSO HELPED HIS FRIEND, STU-E.

MARY ANN MONAHAN
677 COURTLANDT AVE.
BRONX, NEW YORK

I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE PETE DAVIS STORY IN NO. 50. YOU HAVE DONE SUCH WONDERFUL WORK ON MAKING IT EXCITING AND REAL THAT I ACTUALLY FEEL I HAVE TAKEN A PART IN THE STORY. I KNOW I CAN SPEAK FOR EVERYONE WHEN I SAY NO OTHER COMIC CAN BEAT DAREDEVIL AND YOUR OTHER GREAT MAGAZINES.

TERESA FELICIANI
413 S. DUPONT ST.
WILMINGTON, DEL.

DAREDEVIL NO. 50 WAS MARVELOUS! THE STORY IS ONE OF THE BEST I HAVE EVER READ. KEEP ON WITH THOSE TRUE-TO-LIFE, ALL-AMERICAN STORIES. THEY ARE NOT ONLY A PLEASURE TO READ FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT A GREATER PLEASURE TO READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THE ART WORK IS ALSO TERRIFIC.

LUCILLE LANGELLA
105 SHERMAN AVE.
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

I HAVE JUST FINISHED READING DAREDEVIL NO. 50. I THINK THIS ISSUE ALONE IS ENOUGH TO TURN JUVENILE DELINQUENTS INTO ANGELS! DAREDEVIL RANKS TOPS AMONG MY COMICS, INCLUDING CRIME DOES NOT PAY, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT AND BOY COMICS. I SALUTE YOU FOR THE FINE WORK YOU HAVE DONE.

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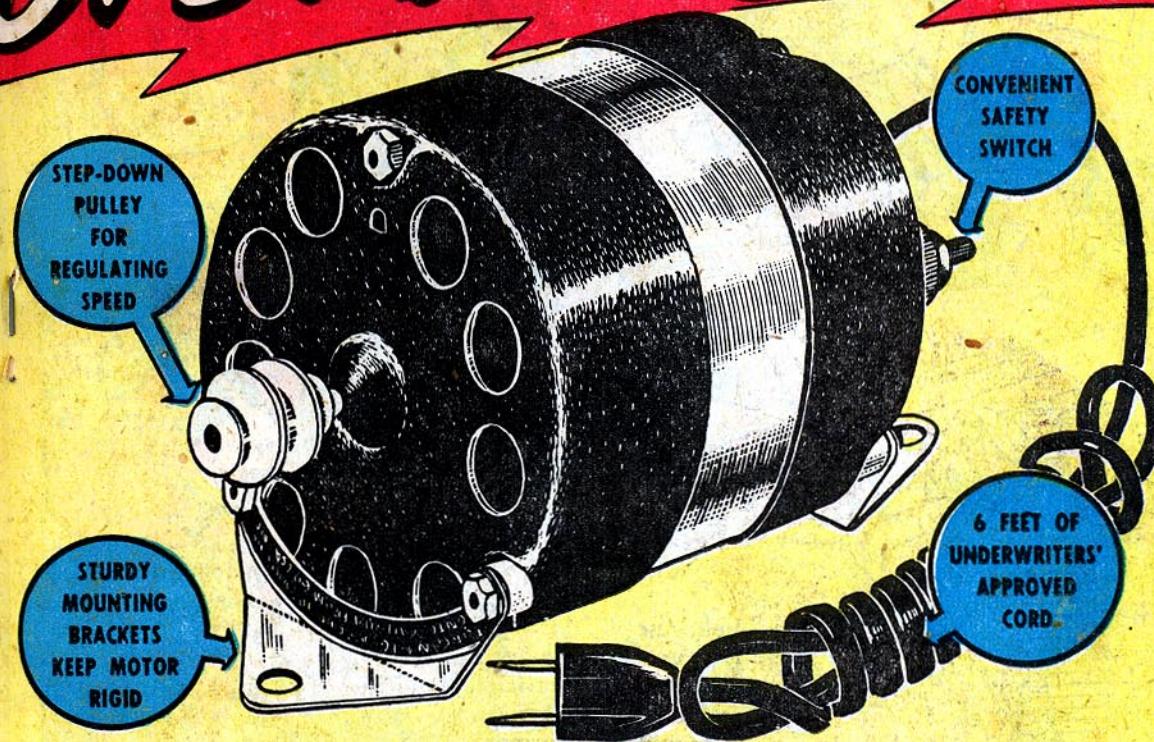
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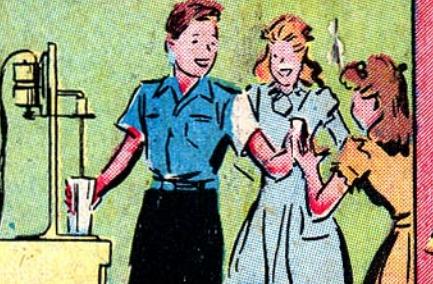
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FRIED CHICKEN!

I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

HURRY UP! I CAN'T HOLD THIS ALL DAY!

GOT CHANGE FOR A TWELVE?

THIS WHERE YOU WANT THE CONCRETE, OTTO?

A LITTLE HIGHER, PLEASE!

OH FOR A PLUMBER'S LIFE!

HOLD IT, FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS!

SEE ANY SIGN OF THE STOVE?

WAIT 'TIL IT'S FINISHED!

WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN NO TIME, JACK!

IT'S A POTTED PLANT!

THEY OUGHTA GET A BANG OUT OF THIS!

JACK, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS HALF OUT ALREADY!

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DEATH IN THE BARN

A CRIMEBUSTER STORY

CAPTAIN WOODLEY turned from the body on the barn floor to the sobbing woman in the doorway.

"There's no need for you to be here, Mrs. Denby," he said gently. "We can go back into the house. Coming, *Crimebuster*?"

"I'll follow you in a minute, Captain," *Crimebuster* answered. Woodley nodded. He and Sergeant James led the frail-looking woman away. *Crimebuster* looked around. He was in an ordinary barn, with the usual tools leaning against the walls. On the sawdust-covered floor Paul Denby lay sprawled, face down, his head smashed and bloody. A piece of lead pipe, nearly three feet long and covered almost completely with blood, lay nearby.

Paul Denby had evidently put on a new pair of overalls that morning, because what could be seen of them was still spotlessly clean, except for some clinging pieces of straw. His right rear pocket was pulled half out, as if it had been hastily emptied.

Crimebuster looked at the small brown dog who lay near Denby's head, whining pitifully. He noticed its white paws and called, "Boots!"

The dog picked up its head and looked at him questioningly.

"Come along, Boots," *Crimebuster* ordered. But the dog

puts its head down again. When *Crimebuster* reached over to take him by the collar, the dog jumped over the body and in a second had run up the ladder to the hayloft.

"All right, Boots," *Crimebuster* said. "You can stay here with him." Immediately the dog came down and resumed his former position.

The house was a few yards from the barn. *Crimebuster* found Captain Woodley and Sergeant James in the kitchen questioning Mrs. Denby, who said that she knew her husband had been alive at around eleven o'clock because she had seen him heading for the barn. She supposed he was going for some tools. She had seen him through the kitchen window, and immediately afterwards busied herself with making lunch. When Denby didn't come for lunch by a quarter after twelve she began to wonder and went to the barn to look for him. She had found his body and called the police.

"Did you hear or see anything or anyone between the time you saw your husband go to the barn and the time you found him?" Woodley asked.

"No, I didn't."

"The barn is in full sight of this room," the captain remarked.

"If Mrs. Denby had been preparing lunch, captain,"

Crimebuster interrupted, "her back would have been turned to the barn, since the stove, sink and icebox are all on the side, of the room farthest from it."

"Was there anyone else living on the farm with you and Mr. Denby?" Woodley asked.

"No one," answered Mrs. Denby. "The farm is small and Mr. Denby worked it himself."

"To your knowledge, was there anyone else around here this morning?"

"Not that I know of, but there must have been. I mean . . ."

"Yes, of course," the captain interrupted. "But you didn't see or hear anyone. Have you any idea who it might have been?"

"No," Mrs. Denby answered slowly. "But Mrs. Blake — she lives down the road a way — said she saw a tramp hanging around. This was about a week ago. And three nights ago something woke me up — some noise. Then the next day Paul, Mr. Denby, that is, told me there was a chicken missing."

"And you think the tramp might have killed your husband?" Woodley asked. The woman nodded. "Why, Mrs. Denby?"

"For his money. His wallet was gone."

"Did you look for it?"

"I didn't have to," she said. "His pocket was turned out. I couldn't help noticing that it

was gone."

"Did your husband usually carry much money around with him while working on the farm?"

"No, just a few dollars, so he could make change for anyone who wanted to buy some eggs or vegetables, and also any money he took in from selling the things," she explained.

"Doesn't a farmer's wife take care of things like that, Mrs. Denby?" *Crimebuster* asked suddenly.

Mrs. Denby turned to him. "Usually, I suppose. But I'm not very strong. Paul wouldn't let me do anything but take care of the house, and the doctor said I shouldn't even do that, but we couldn't afford any help."

"Let's get back to the tramp," Woodley said. "Now, Mrs. Denby, can you tell me any reason you might have for suspecting him? There's quite a difference between stealing a chicken and killing a man, you know."

"Well, yes, I always say, 'anyone who can do one wicked thing can do another,'" she said righteously. "And I don't say he did it, but I don't know of anyone else who would."

"Can you tell us what he looked like, Mrs. Denby?"

"Why, no, I never saw him," she answered quickly. "Mrs. Blake probably could, though."

"Do you think . . ." Woodley began, but he was interrupted by Boots, barking outside. "That must be Dr. Waters," he explained. "Unless you have some questions to ask, *Crimebuster*, we may as well join him and let Mrs. Denby rest for a while."

"I have no questions right now, Woodley," *Crimebuster*

said. They left Mrs. Denby with Sergeant James and headed for the barn. Dr. Waters, the medical examiner, was already busy over the body.

"This blow killed him, all right," Waters said. "A very vicious blow, delivered with an exceptional amount of strength behind it."

"I thought so," Woodley murmured.

"I suppose we might as well send out an order to pick up all tramps in the vicinity," Woodley said.

"I don't think you have to bother doing that, captain," *Crimebuster* said. "Do you really think a total stranger would have wandered in off the road in broad daylight, in sight of both the house and the road, to kill a man for the few dollars he *might* have on him?"

"It doesn't make much sense," Woodley agreed, "but that's all we've got to go on."

"Maybe we can get more," *Crimebuster* said thoughtfully. "Let's go back and talk to Mrs. Denby again."

"But she couldn't have delivered a blow like that, *Crimebuster*," Woodley protested. "Or do you think she's shielding someone?"

Crimebuster said nothing until they reached the house. Then he walked over to the couch, where Mrs. Denby sat weeping.

"Why did you look for your husband in the barn when he should have been in the fields, Mrs. Denby?" he demanded.

The woman looked up, startled. "What do you mean? I . . . Why . . .!"

"You knew you'd find his body there, didn't you? You forgot something, Mrs. Denby," *Crimebuster* went on. "You forgot that if a tramp had come to

the barn you would have heard Boots barking at him. But that wasn't your *only* mistake. You overdid the evidence. You wanted it to appear that your husband had been killed by a hard blow with the lead pipe. But no blow would have covered three feet of pipe so thoroughly with blood. If it had, however, the killer's hands would have been bloody and he would have stained your husband's overalls taking the wallet out. But that pipe was smeared with blood *after* Paul Denby was dead and his wallet had been taken to make it look like robbery."

"But, *Crimebuster*," Woodley demanded, "how was Denby killed, if not with the pipe?"

"I think Dr. Waters can tell us," the young man said, as the examiner hurried in.

"That pipe isn't your murder weapon, Woodley," the doctor exclaimed. "That man was killed with a triangular piece of metal, like an iron, and from the look of the wound I should say it was dropped on him."

"From the hayloft, Doctor?" *Crimebuster* asked.

"Probably," replied Dr. Waters.

"How did you know, *Crimebuster*?" Woodley demanded.

"Boots showed me," the young man answered. "But Mrs. Denby will have to tell us why she did it."

"I had to," the woman sobbed. "I had to. The doctor said if I didn't stop working I would die. I needed the insurance money. And now . . ."

"And now it won't do her any good," *Crimebuster* said quietly to Woodley, as the doctor attended to the hysterical woman. "It never does. Crime never pays."

the end

DAREDEVIL

and the **LITTLE WISE GUYS**

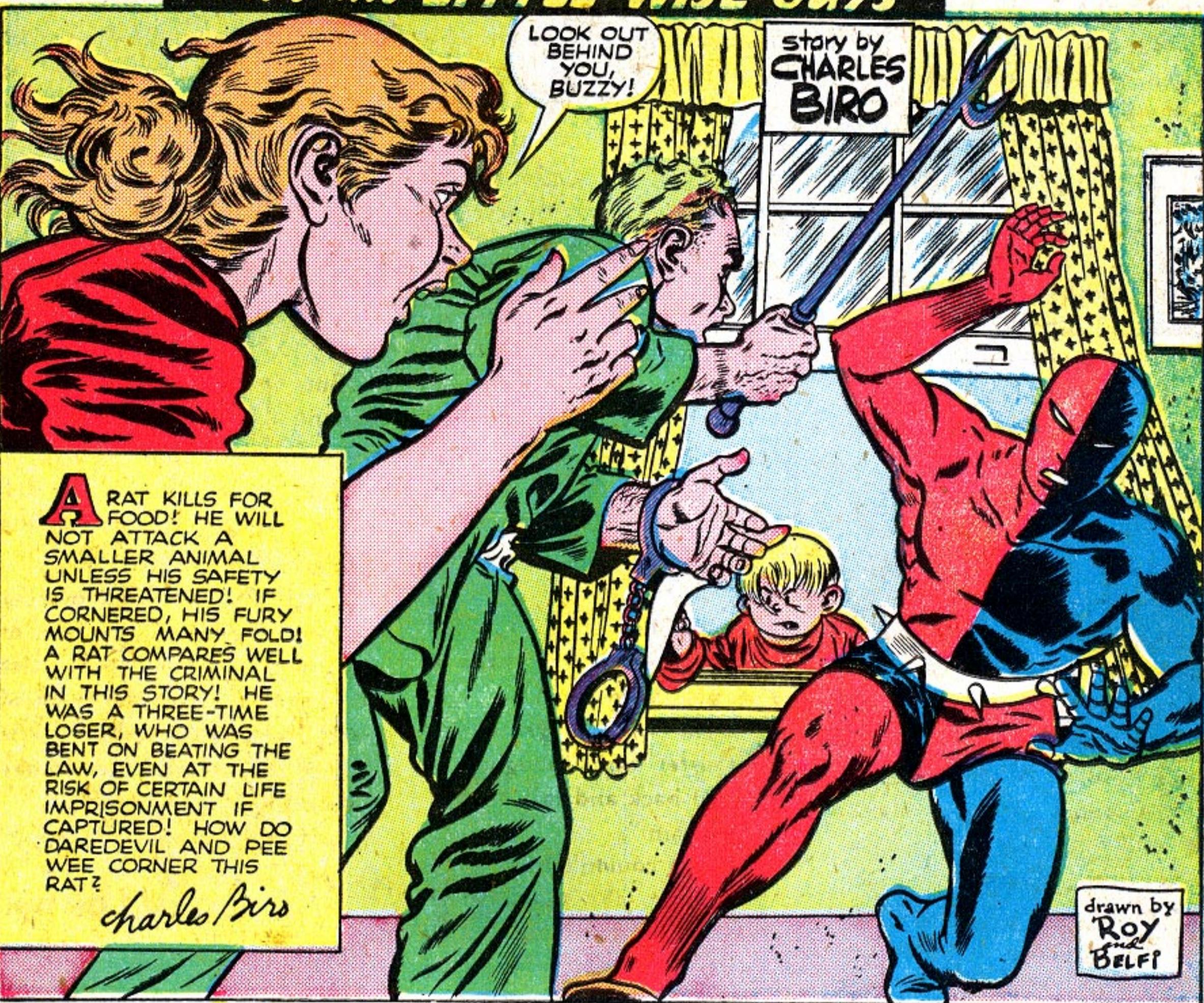
LOOK OUT
BEHIND
YOU,
BUZZY!

story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

A RAT KILLS FOR FOOD! HE WILL NOT ATTACK A SMALLER ANIMAL UNLESS HIS SAFETY IS THREATENED! IF CORNERED, HIS FURY MOUNTS MANY FOLD! A RAT COMPARES WELL WITH THE CRIMINAL IN THIS STORY! HE WAS A THREE-TIME LOSER, WHO WAS BENT ON BEATING THE LAW, EVEN AT THE RISK OF CERTAIN LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF CAPTURED! HOW DO DAREDEVIL AND PEE WEE CORNER THIS RAT?

charles Biro

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CUFFS? HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!
HOW ABOUT THE OTHERS? WHY ARE
YA PICKIN' ON ME? AM I SUPPOSED
TO BE SOMETHING SPECIAL?

MAYBE YES,
MAYBE NO!

GEE, BENTON, HOW
COME YOU RATE
CUFFS? WHAT DID
YOU DO.. HEIST
THE D.A.'S
WALLET?

THEY MUST HAVE
SOMETHING MORE
ON YOU THAN ON
US! WHAT HAVE
THEY GOT YOU
FOR?

SHUT UP,
ALL OF
YOU! THEY
AIN'T GOT
NOTHIN'
ON ME!

YEAH! GIVE
US THE
LOWDOWN,
BIG-SHOT!

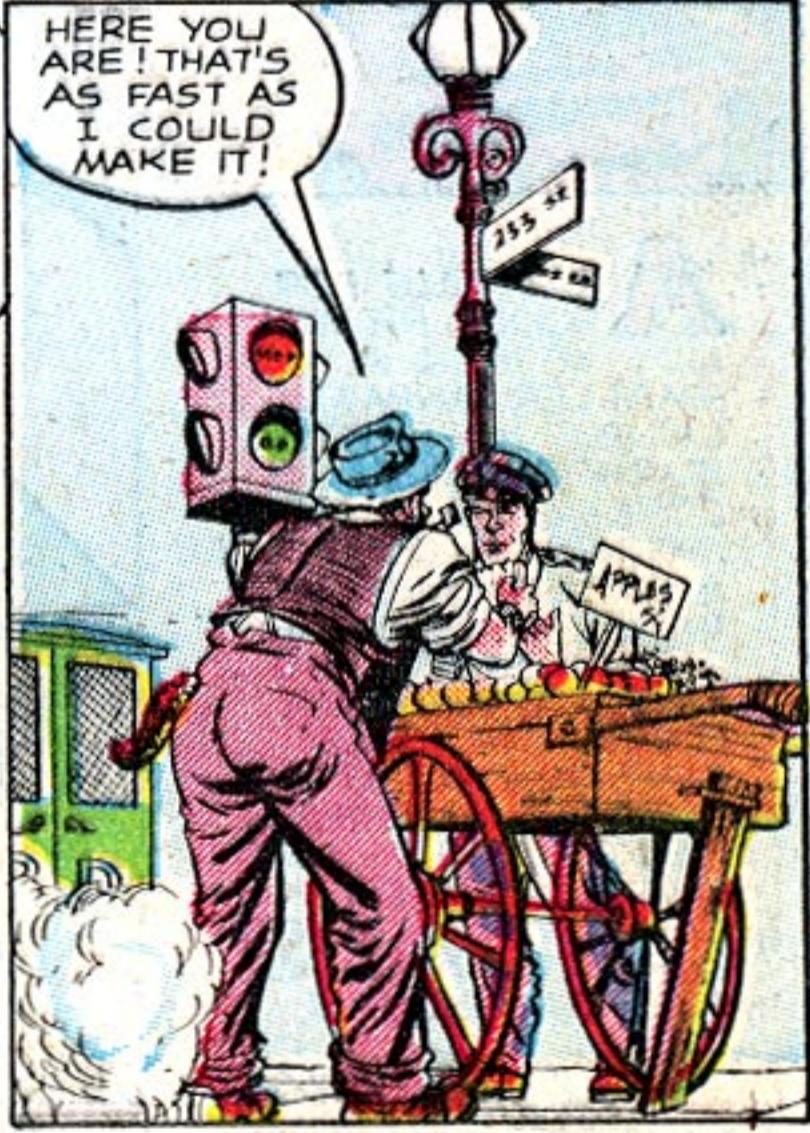
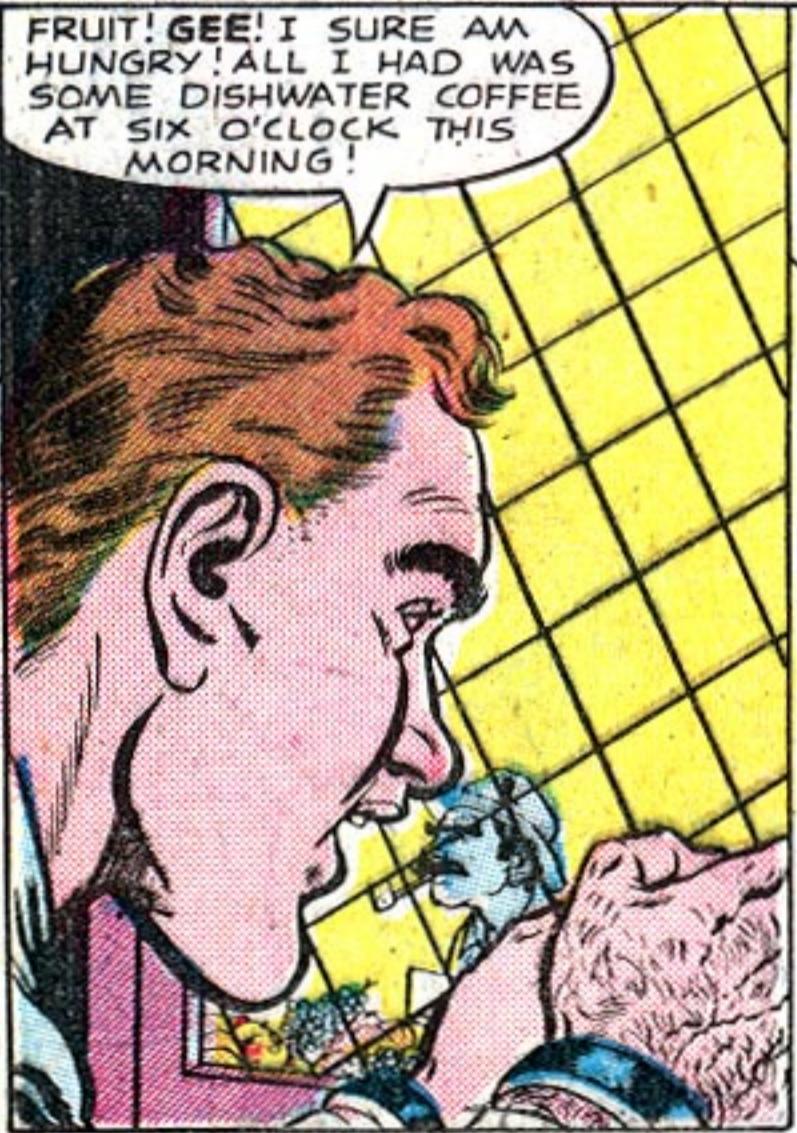


FRUIT! GEE! I SURE AM
HUNGRY! ALL I HAD WAS
SOME DISHWATER COFFEE
AT SIX O'CLOCK THIS
MORNING!

HEY, OFFICER! HOWS
ABOUT GETTIN' ME
SOME GRAPES
BEFORE THE LIGHTS
CHANGE, HUH? I'M
STARVING-I'LL PAY
YA WHEN WE
GET TO COURT!

OKAY, I'LL
GET 'EM
FOR YOU.
HEY, MISTER!
HAND ME
TWO BITS
WORTH OF
GRAPES, BUT
MAKE IT
FAST!

HERE YOU
ARE! THAT'S
AS FAST AS
I COULD
MAKE IT!



HEY, PAT!
HOLD IT UP!
WAIT FOR
ME!

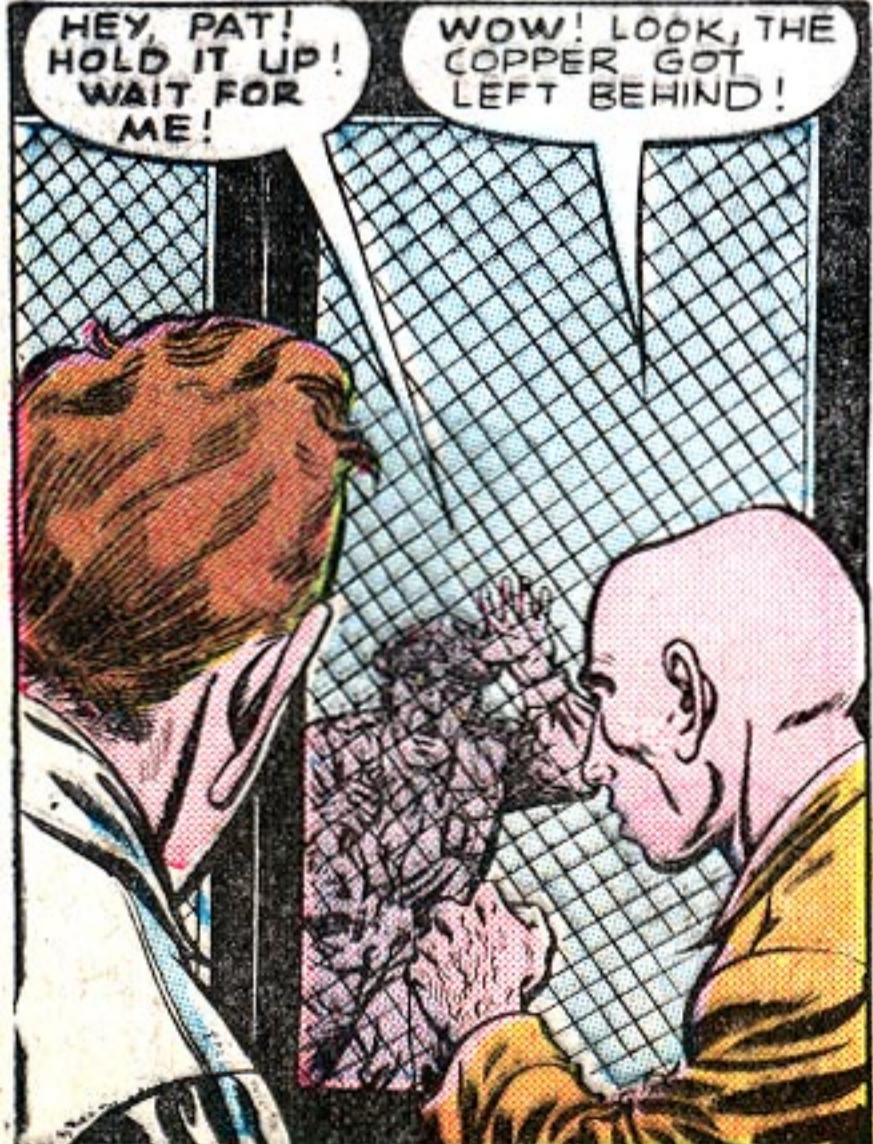
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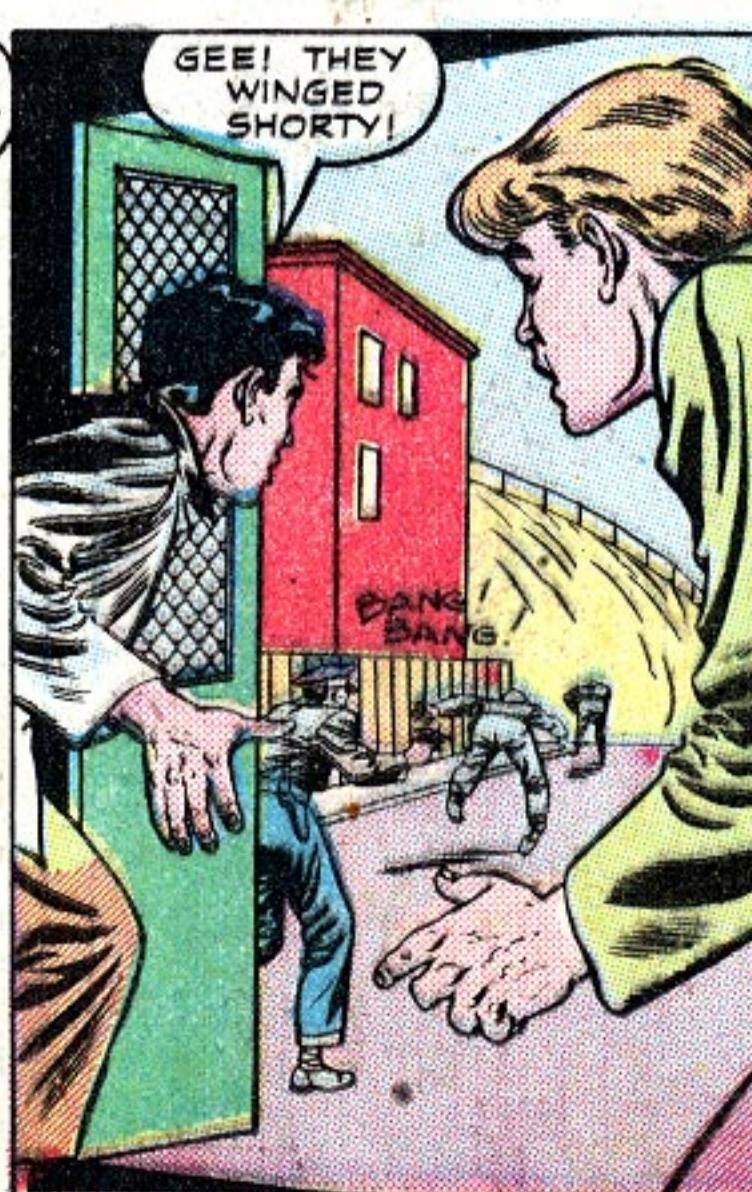
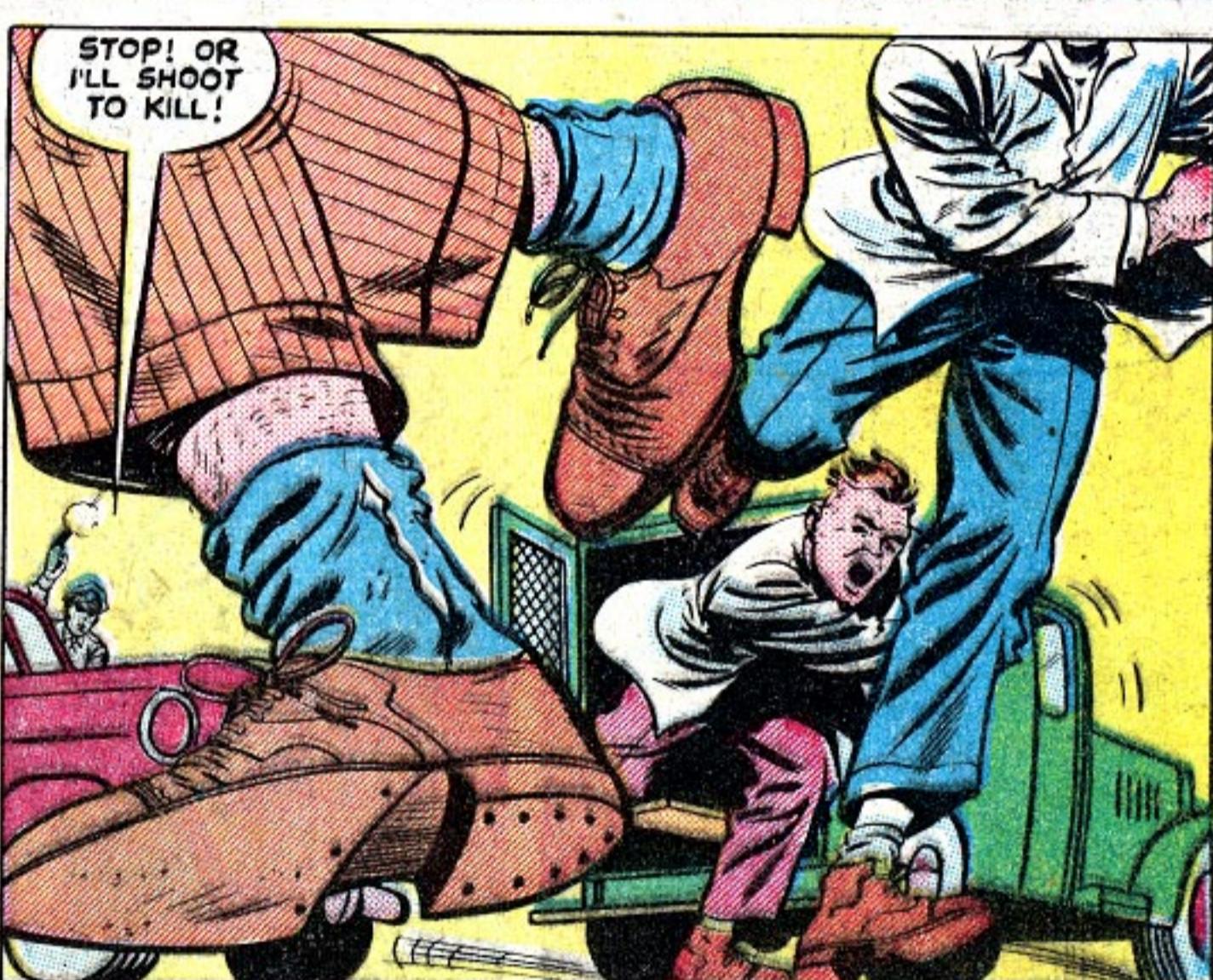
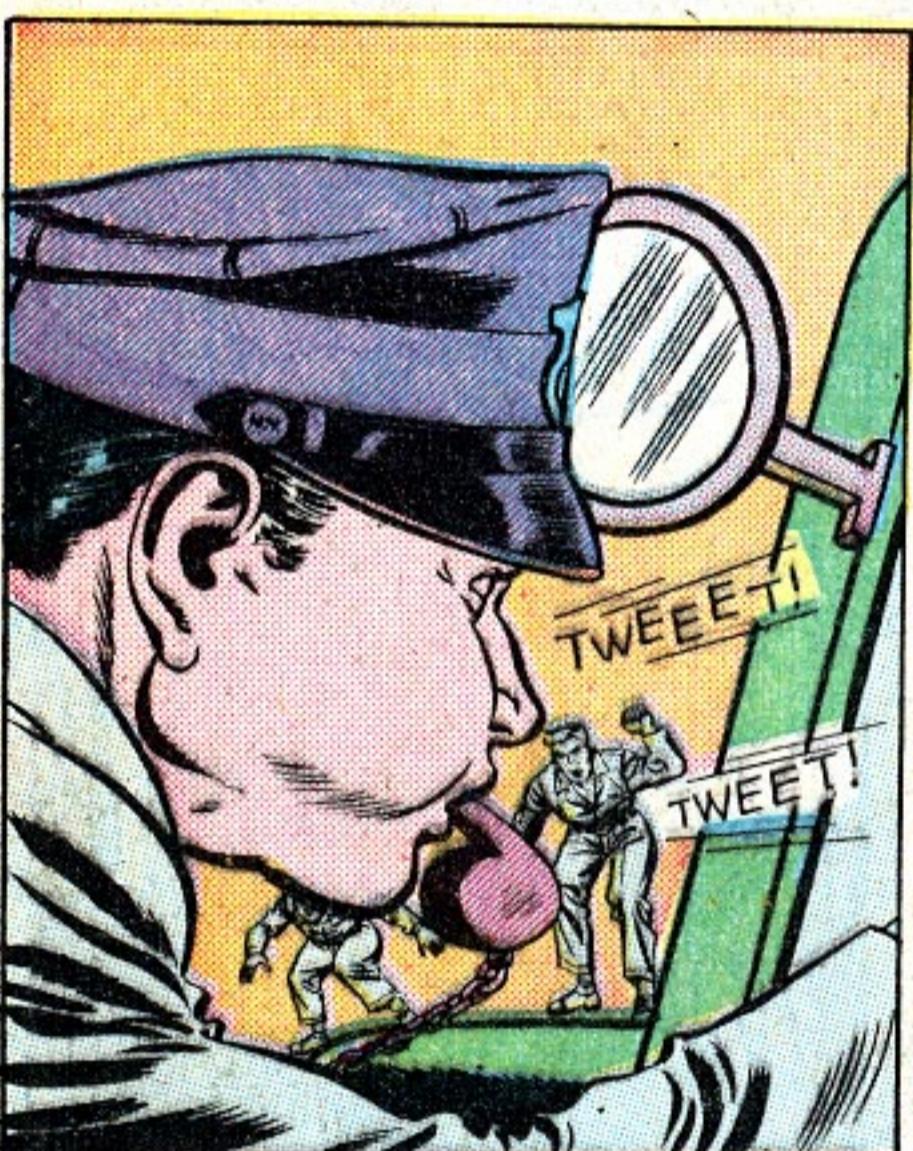
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PATROL WAGON!

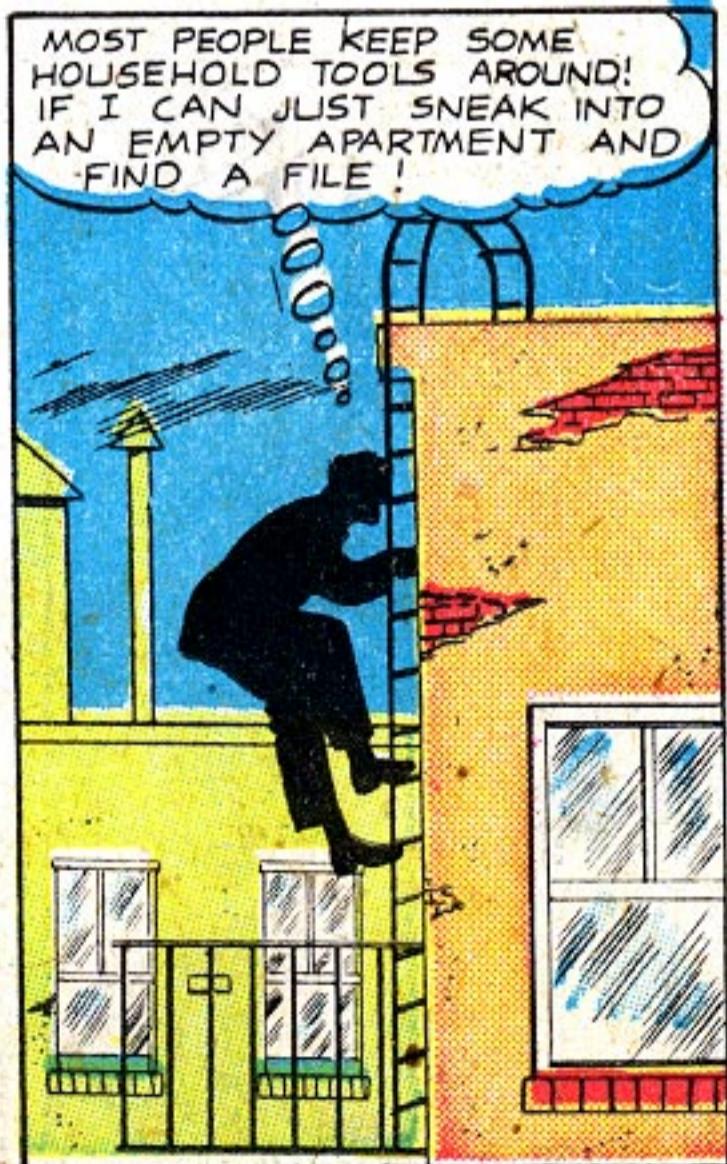
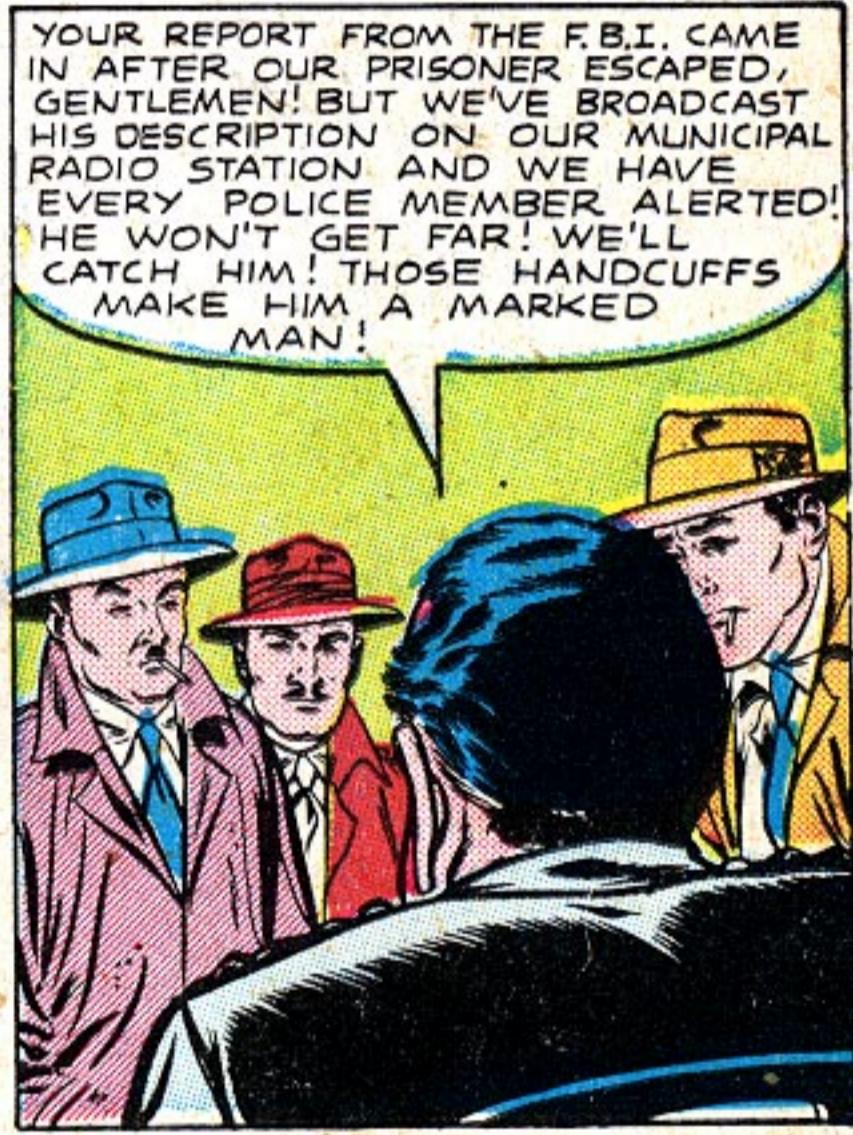
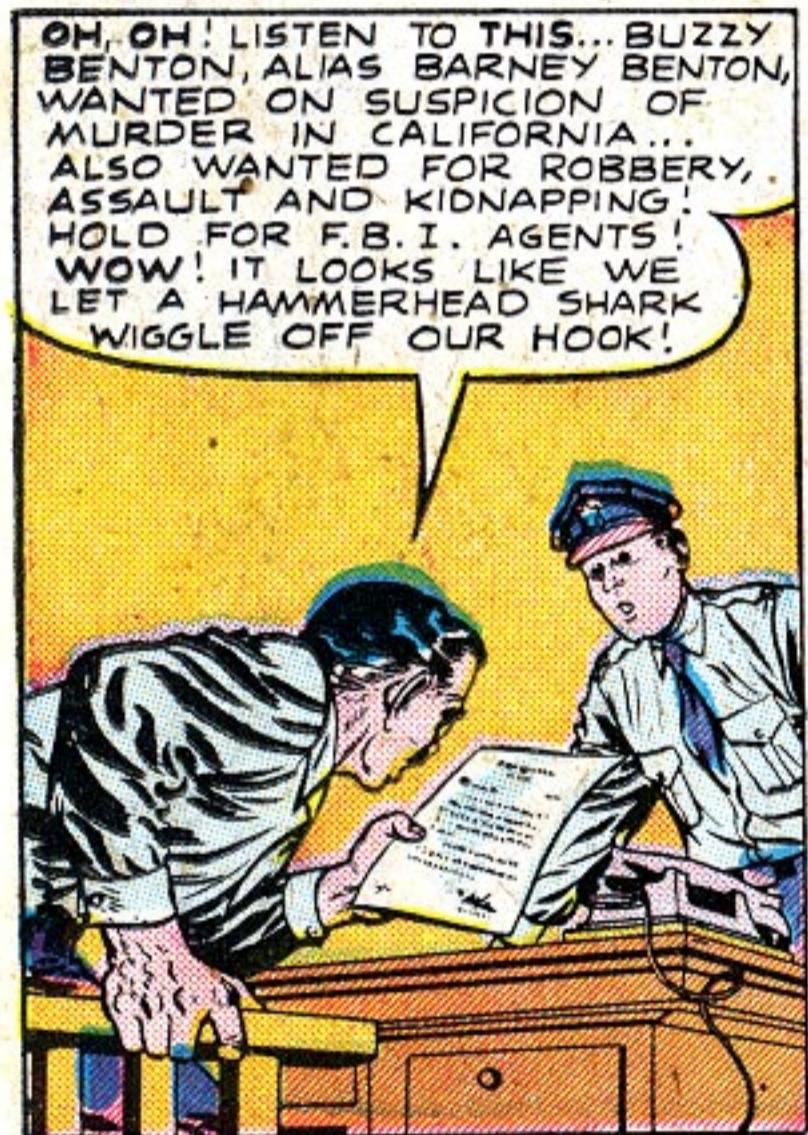
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THINGS I'VE
EVER DONE,
THIS TAKES
THE CAKE!

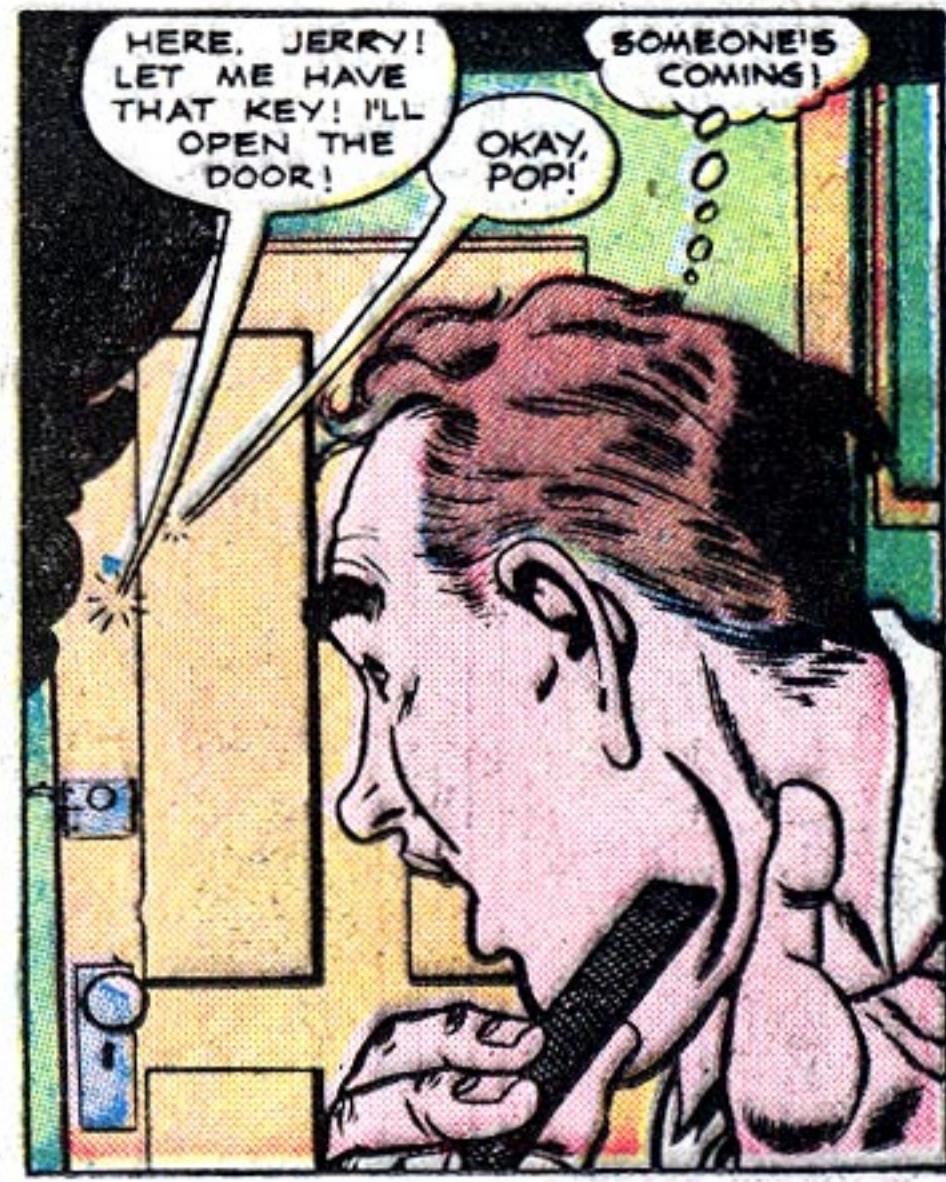
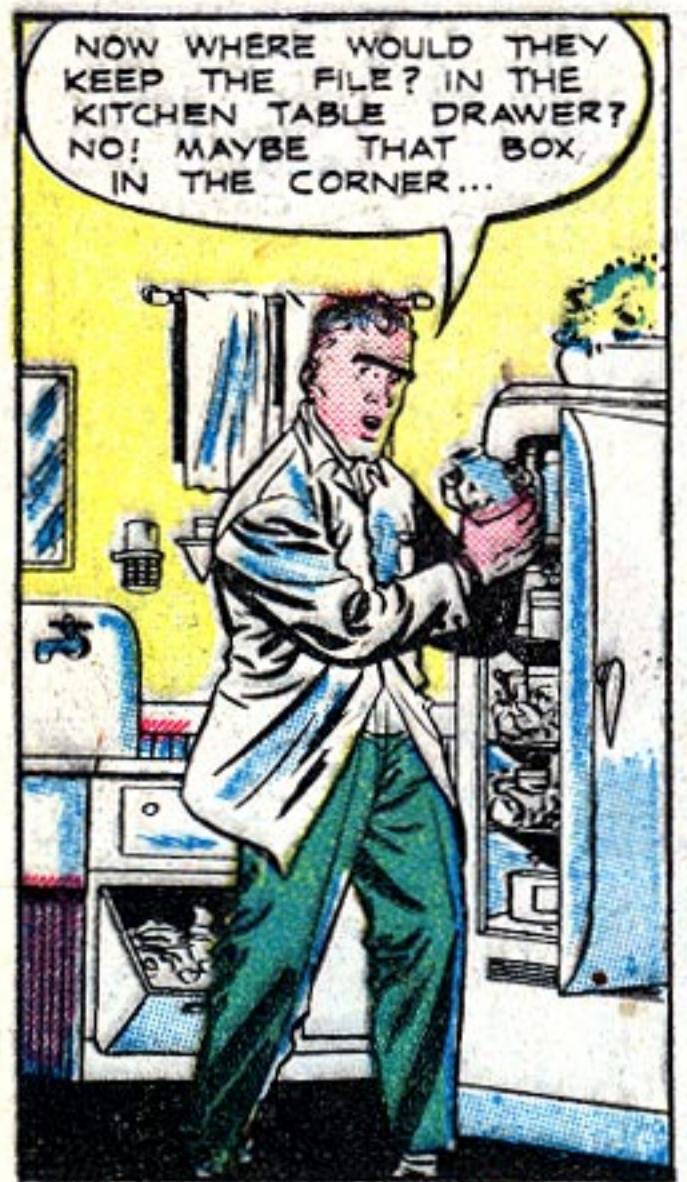
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO BUST
OUT OF THIS JAIL ON WHEELS!
YOU-SHORTY-TAKE MY BELT
OFF AN' USE THE BUCKLE TO
UNDO THAT LATCH ON THE
DOOR... IT AIN'T LOCKED!

I SURE
HOPE IT
OPENS!

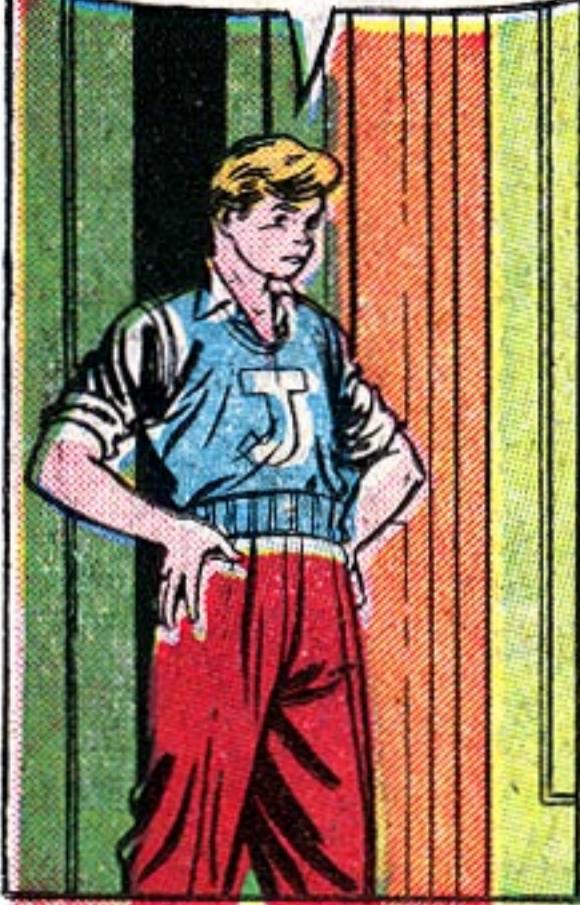






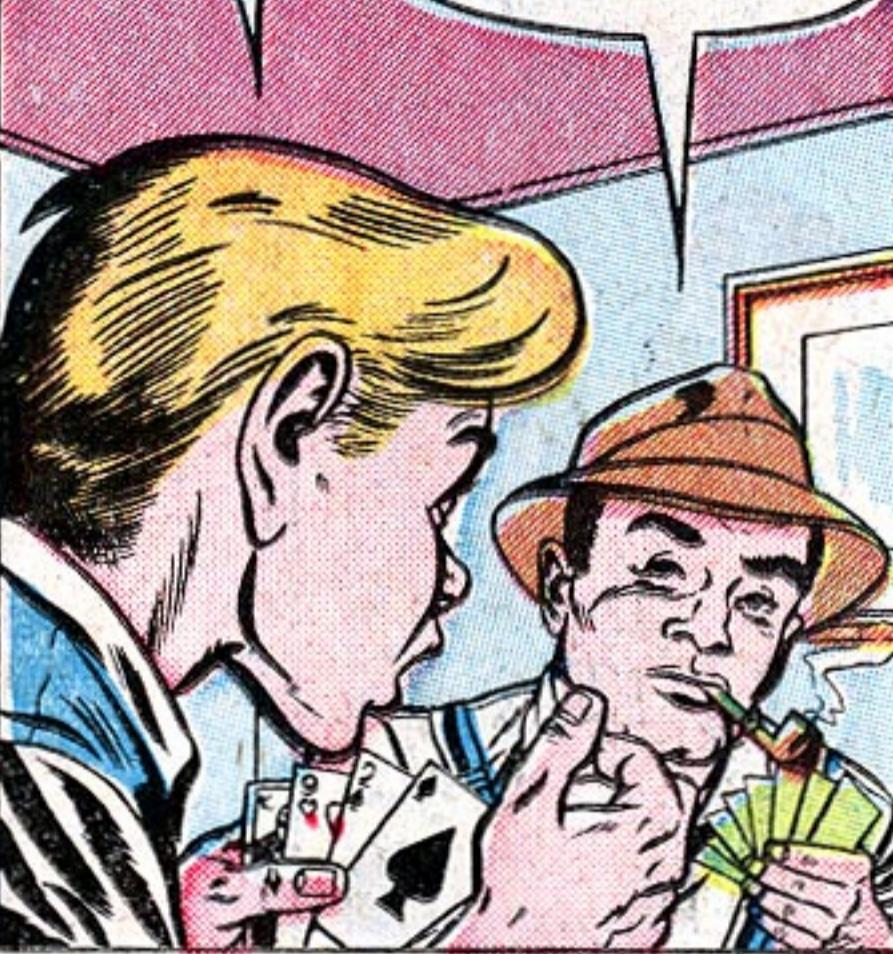


IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMEBODY SAWING OR FILING! FUNNY-NOW IT SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED! MAYBE IT'S MRS. BESSMER NEXT DOOR! SHE HAS A LOT OF ELECTRICAL GADGETS!



THERE IT IS AGAIN! DO YOU HEAR IT, POP?

UHUUH! IT MUST BE MRS. BESSMER USING SOME ELECTRICAL GADGET! BUT IT'S FUNNY I NEVER HEARD THAT SOUND BEFORE!



OH, OH! IT'S NEARLY SEVEN O'CLOCK! I'D BETTER DRIVE THE TRUCK TO THE LOT BEFORE I GET A TICKET! YOU WANT TO COME ALONG?



NO, I THINK I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY TONIGHT! I'M GOING ON A PICNIC TOMORROW!

I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY AND MAKE SANDWICHES!



THERE'S THAT SAME SOUND... I'D SWEAR IT WAS RIGHT IN THIS ROOM!



QUEER HOW IT STOPS EVERY TIME I TRY TO LOCATE IT! THERE'S NOTHING IN THE CLOSET THAT COULD MAKE THAT SOUND!



IT SOUNDED AS IF IT MIGHT HAVE COME FROM UNDER THE BED! SEEMS LIKE A SILLY PLACE TO LOOK-BUT

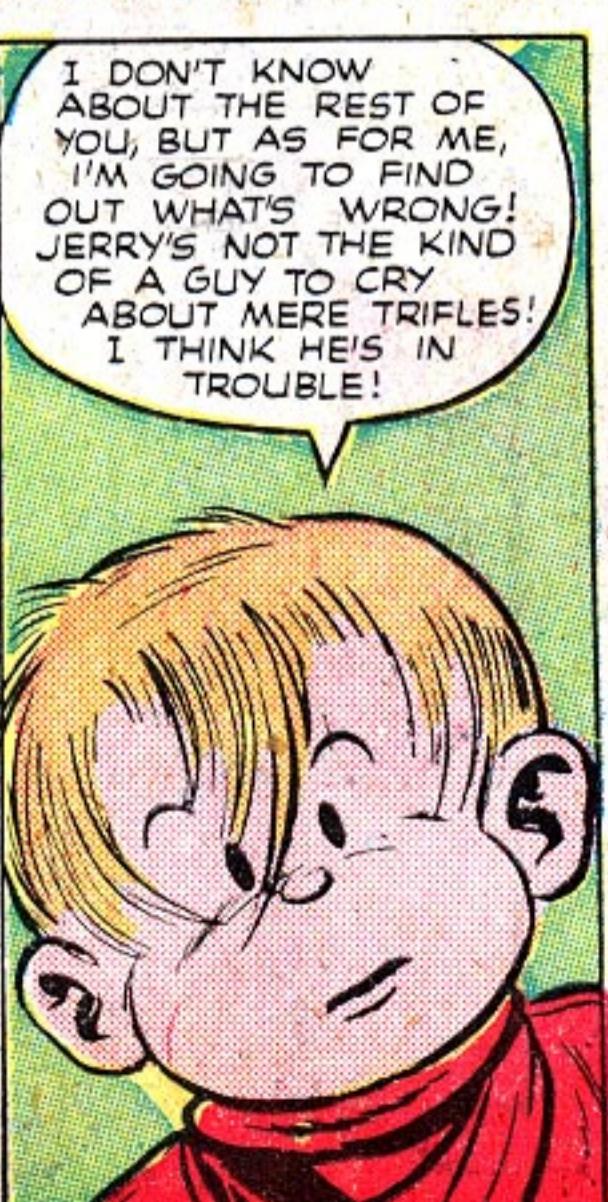
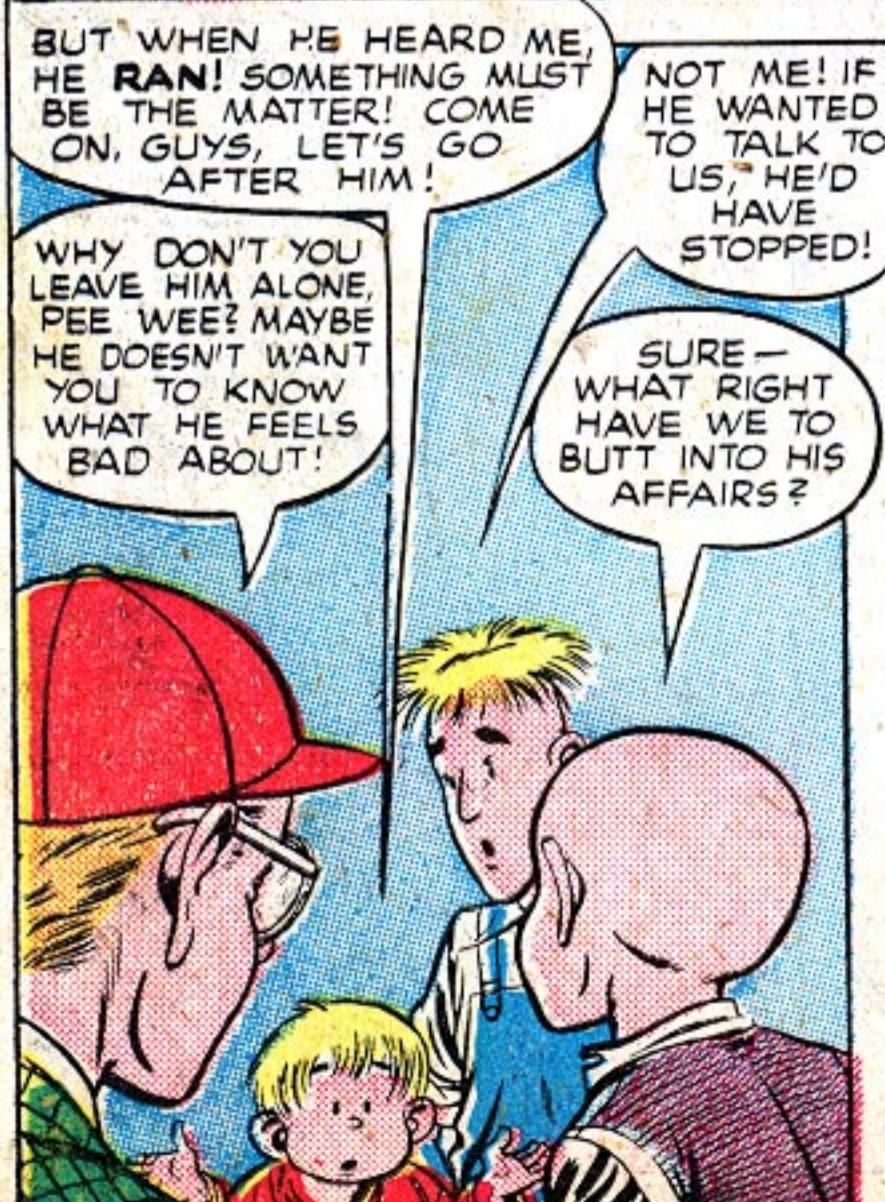
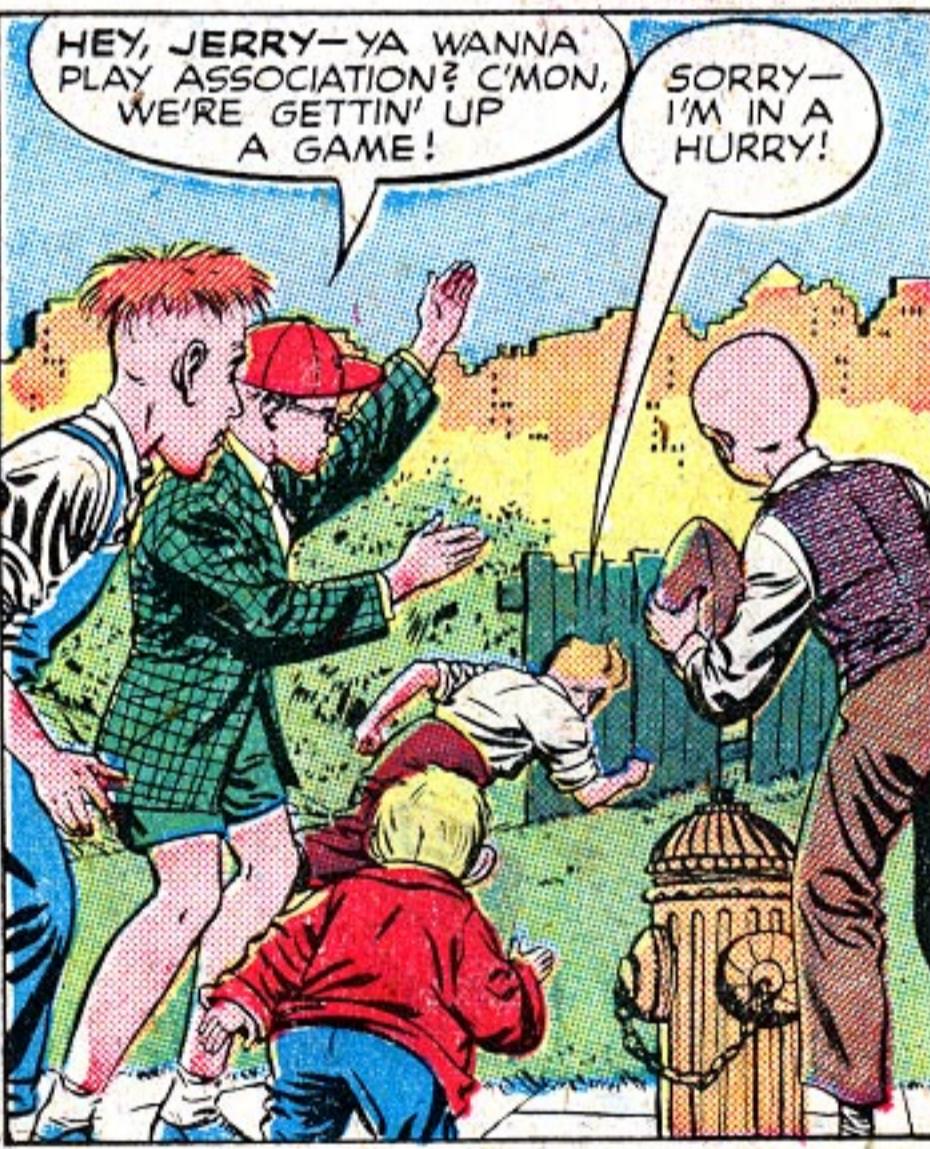
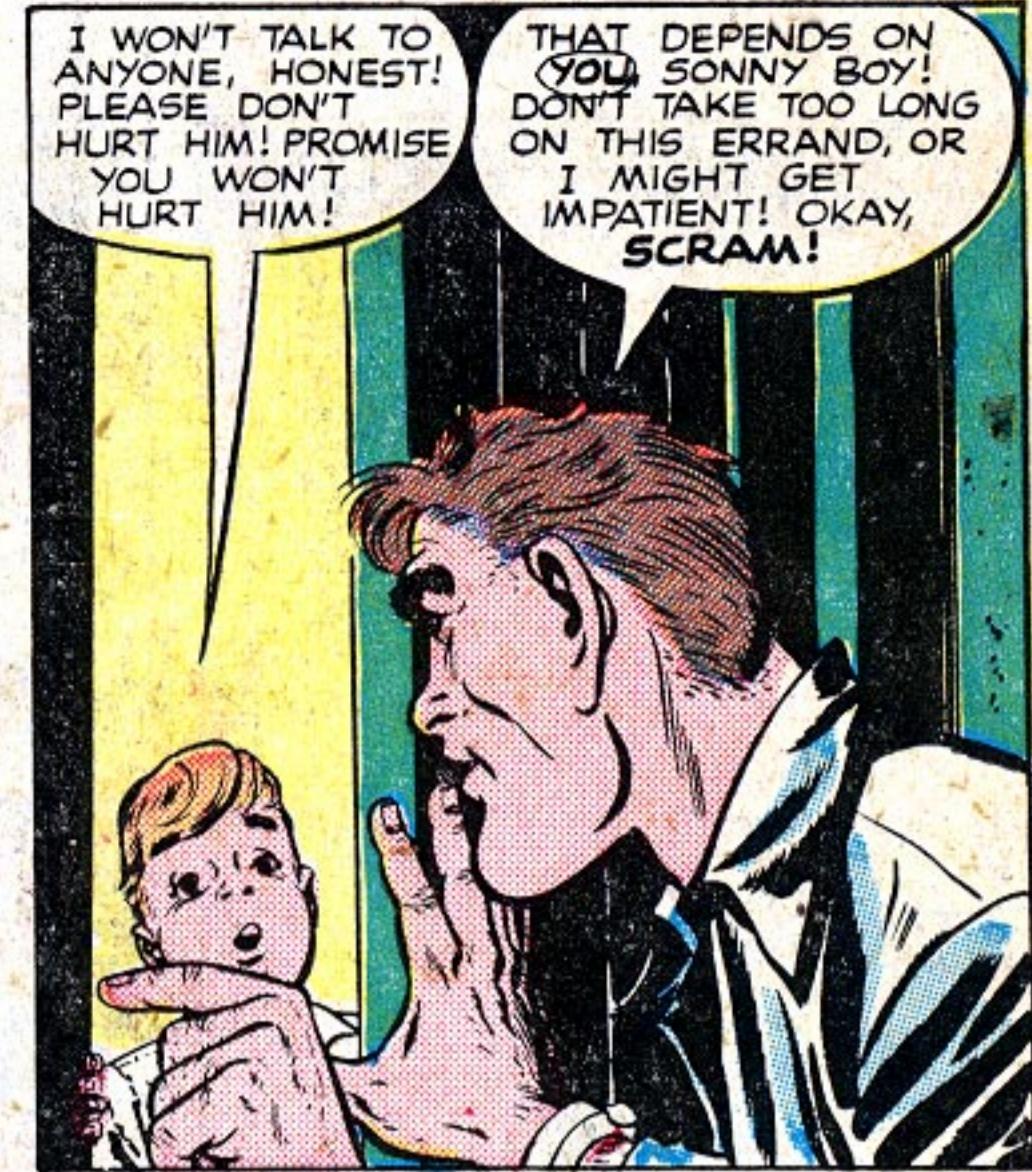


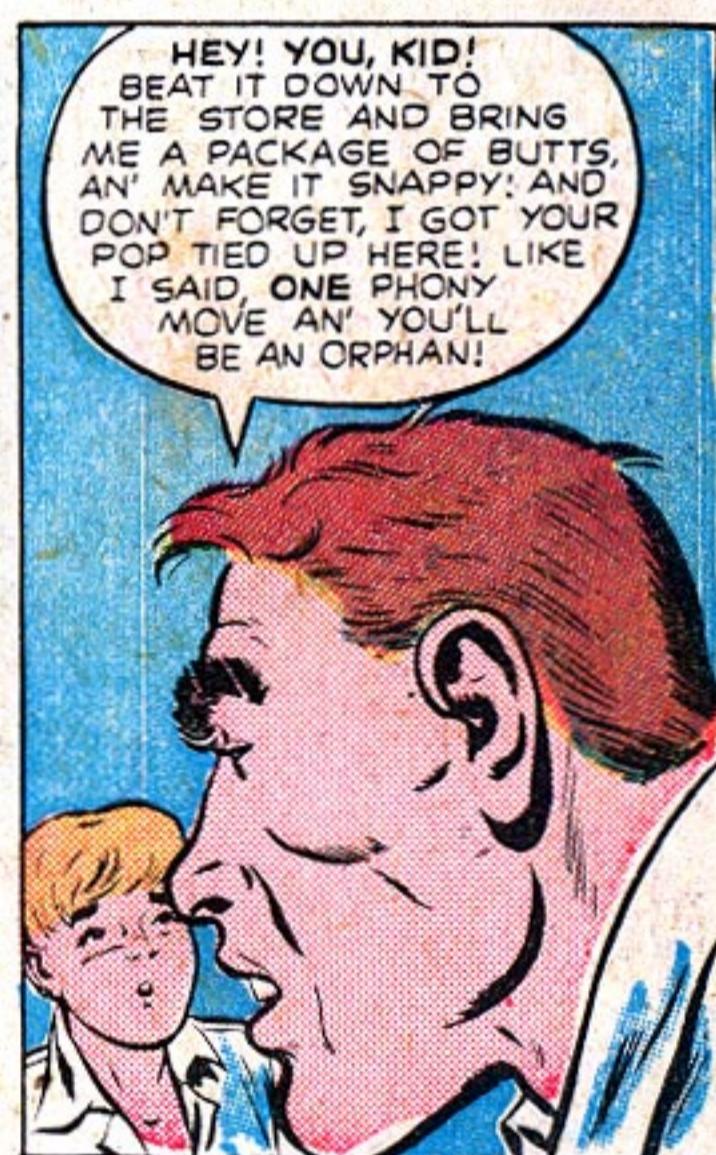
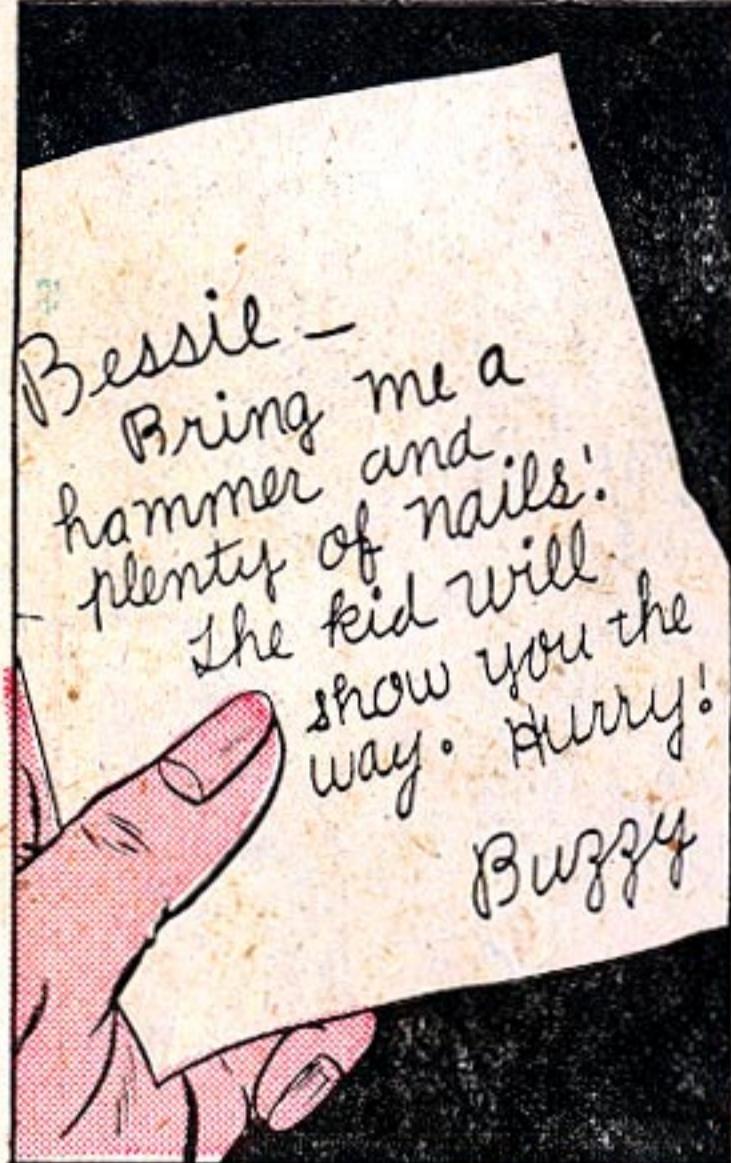
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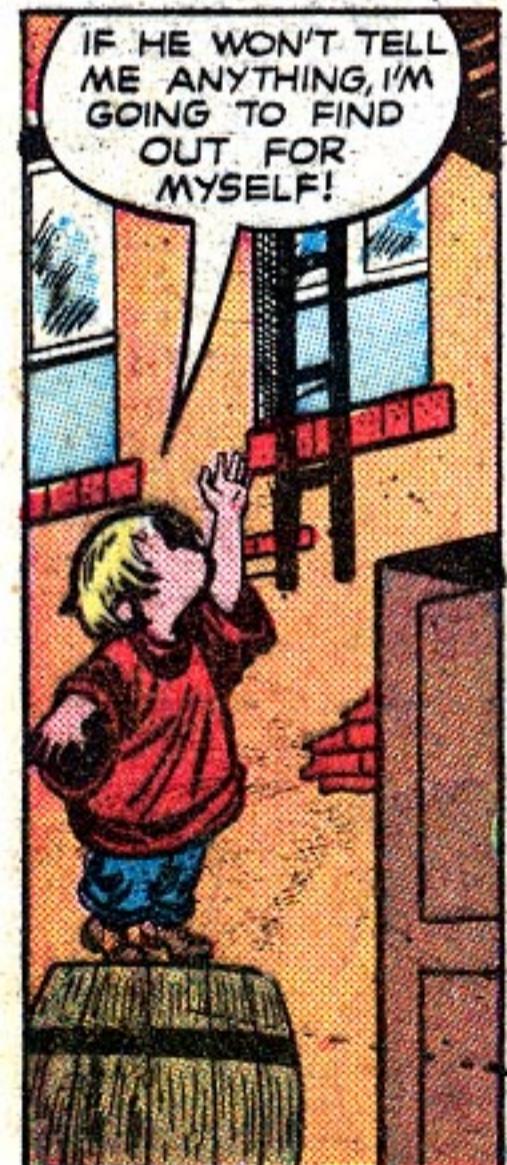
QUIET! ONE WORD AND I'LL KILL YOU!











HEY, DAREDEVIL! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! GEE, DO I NEED YOUR HELP? A PAL OF MINE, JERRY AND HIS POP ARE BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY A DESPERATE CRIMINAL!

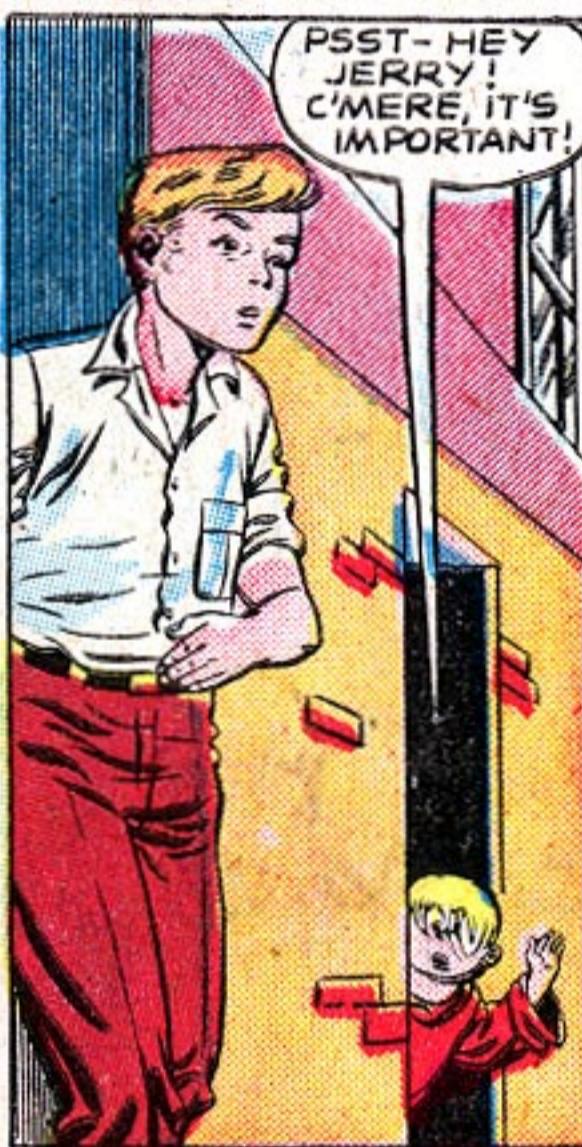
THE GUY MUST BE AN ESCAPED PRISONER! HE HAD A PAIR OF BROKEN HANDCUFFS STILL ATTACHED TO HIS WRISTS!

HE MUST BE BUZZY BENTON, WHO ESCAPED FROM A PATROL WAGON THIS MORNING! BENTON IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ON RECORD!

WE CAN'T GO CRASHING IN WITHOUT RISKING JERRY AND HIS DAD'S LIFE! OUR BEST BET IS TO WAIT AND HOPE THEY'LL SEND JERRY OUT ON ANOTHER ERRAND! WE'LL NEED HIS HELP!



C'MON, KID, YOU'VE BEEN BABYING YOUR OLD MAN LONG ENOUGH! STUFF THAT GAG BACK AND GO GET ME A LATE EDITION OF THE PAPER! AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT, KEEP REMEMBERING THAT IF YOU MAKE ONE FALSE MOVE, I'LL KILL YOUR FATHER!



BESS! SOMETHIN' FUNNY IS GOING ON DOWN THERE! THE KID JUST DUCKED DOWN THE CELLAR WAY! GET DOWN THERE QUICK AND SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO! IF HE'S PULLIN' SOMETHIN', I'LL...

NO ONE CAN HELP ME! NOT EVEN YOU, DAREDEVIL! HE SAYS HE'LL KILL MY DAD AND HE MEANS IT! PLEASE, IF YOU WANT TO HELP, JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

THAT'S NOT GOOD JUDGMENT, JERRY!

DON'T YOU SEE, JERRY, EVEN IF BENTON DOES LEAVE, HE WON'T WANT ANY LIVE WITNESSES AROUND! WHY WAIT FOR HIM TO TRY TO KILL YOU AND YOUR FATHER! THE PLAN I HAVE IS RISKY, BUT IT'S WORTH THE CHANCE AND IT CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP! HOW ABOUT IT?



GOOD BOY! HERE'S WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU GET BACK IN THE APARTMENT! I WANT YOU TO TAKE A WAD OF GUM AND STICK IT IN THE LOCK OF THE DOOR, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY CLOSE! LATER, WHEN BENTON IS OFF GUARD, I CAN CRASH IN AND SURPRISE HIM WITHOUT A WARNING!

OKAY, DAREDEVIL, EXCEPT I HAVEN'T ANY GUM! AND I FIRST HAVE TO PICK UP THE NEWSPAPER HE ASKED FOR!



D.D., I'M WORRIED! SUPPOSING THAT BENTON GUY TUMBLES ON TO OUR SCHEME BEFORE WE GET THERE? JERRY MIGHT DO SOMETHING TO GIVE HIMSELF AWAY! BENTON MIGHT KILL THEM BOTH BEFORE WE CAN BARGE IN!

ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE! JERRY SEEMS LIKE A SMART BOY! I DON'T THINK HE'LL MISS UP ON HIS END!



THEN WHAT ABOUT THIS? IT'S SURE A FUNNY PLACE TO PARK CHEWING GUM, ISN'T IT? ANSWER ME - ISN'T IT? DO YOU ALWAYS STICK GUM ON DOOR LOCKS?



THERE! NOW WE'RE LOCKED IN ALL NICE AND COZY AND NOW I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!



YOUR NERVOUSNESS IS CATCHING, PEE WEE! WE'VE GIVEN JERRY ENOUGH TIME - LET'S GO!

OKAY, D.D., I'M READY WHENEVER YOU SAY!

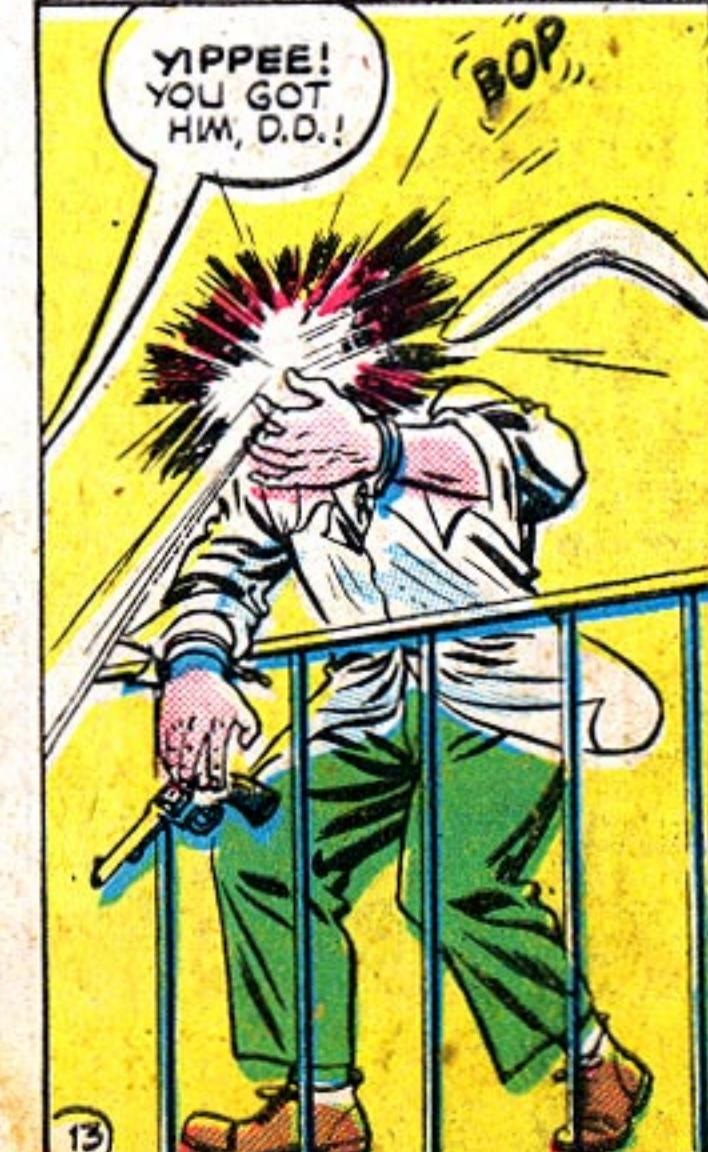
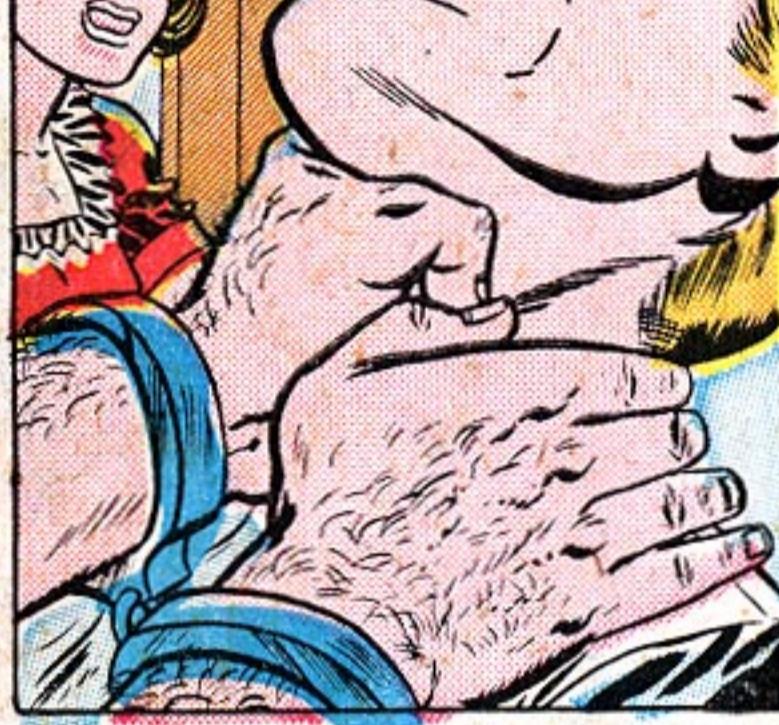
YOU CRUMMY LITTLE SQUEALER! I WARNED YOU WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU SHOT YOUR BIG MOUTH OFF! NOW I'LL PROVE IT!

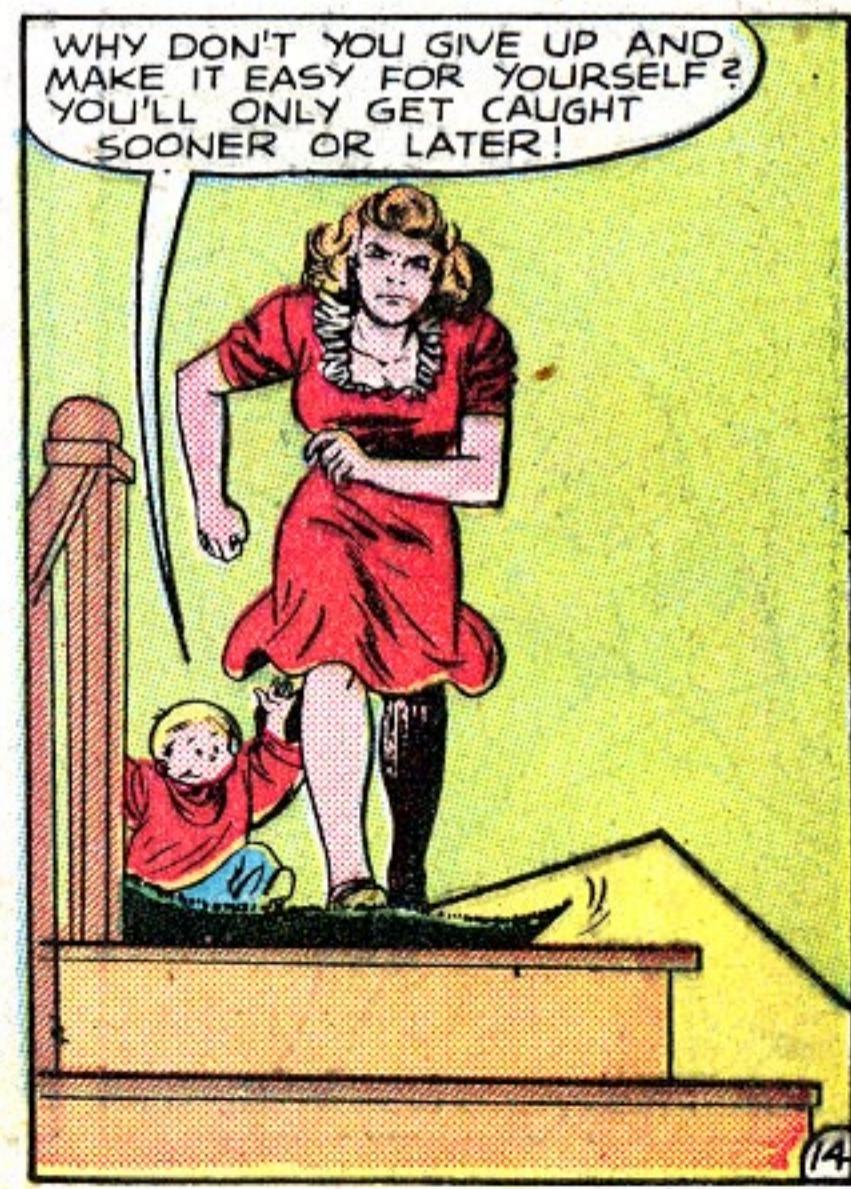
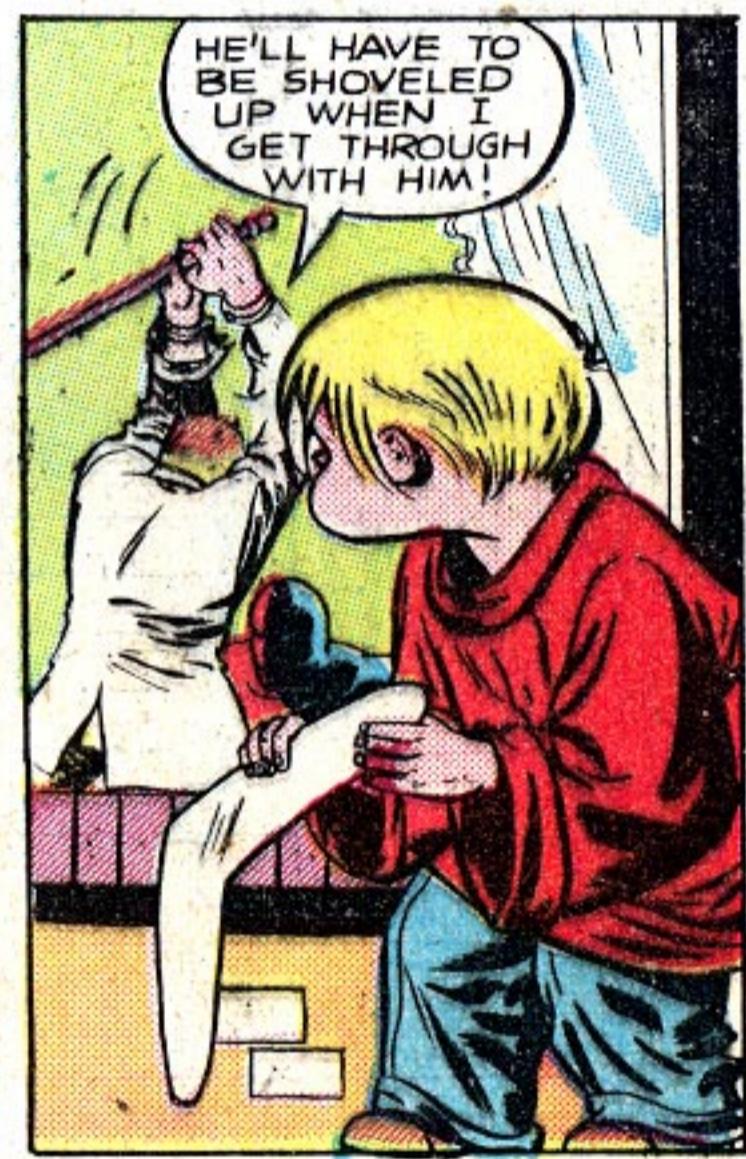
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WITH HIM, BUZZY! LET'S GO DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE! SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO BUST IN!

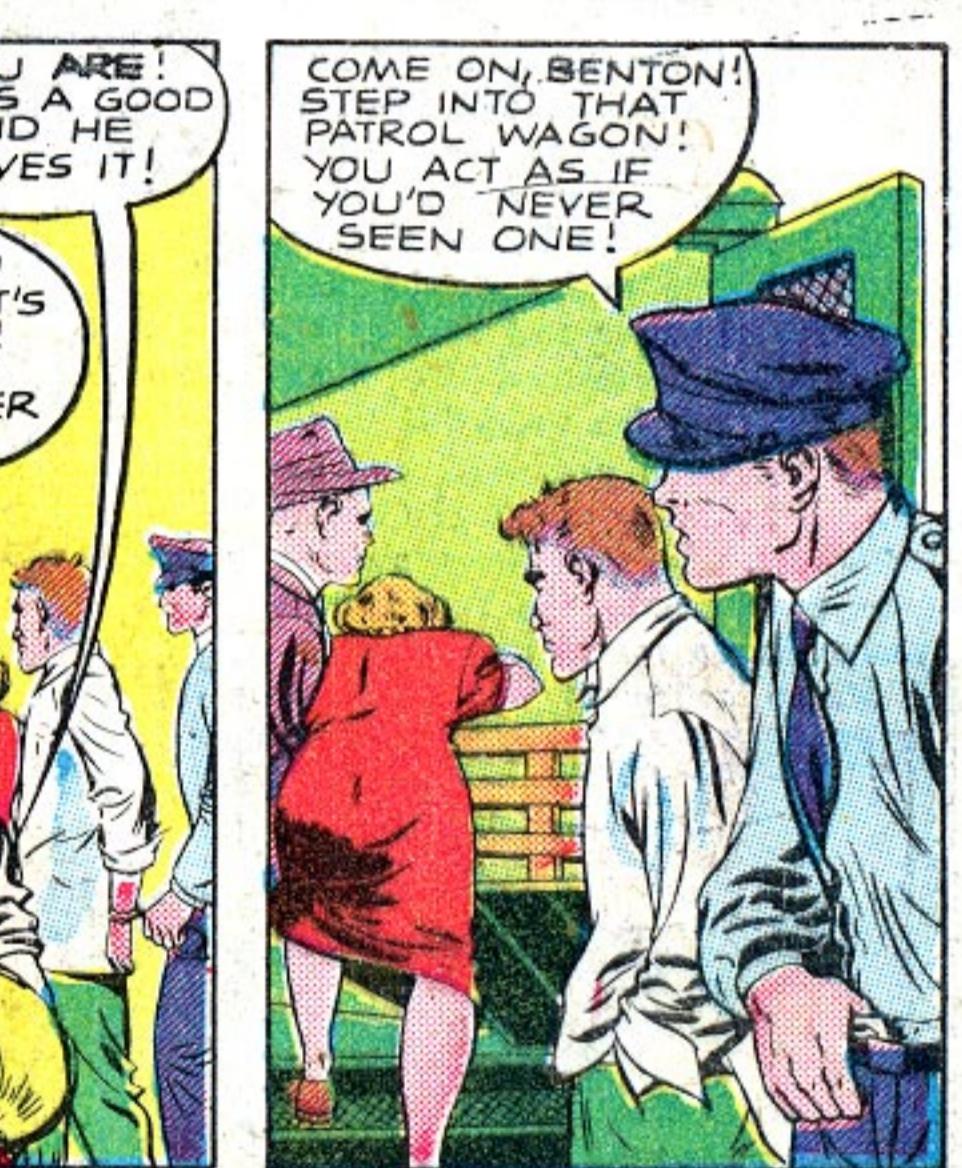
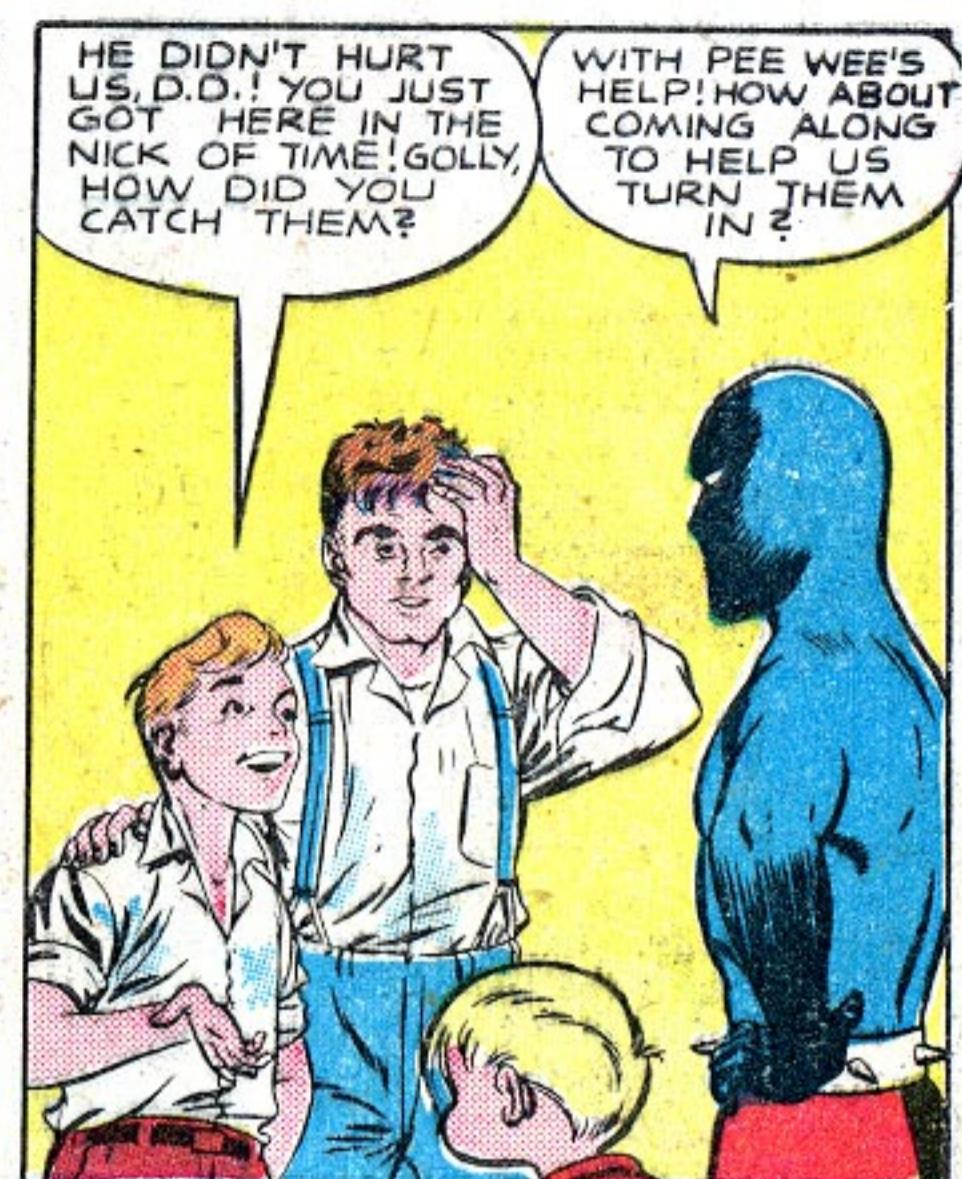
HE'LL SMASH DOWN THAT DOOR IN NO TIME! LEAVE THE KID ALONE! SAVING OUR HIDE IS MORE IMPORTANT!

I'M GONNA LET HIM HAVE IT!

DON'T BE A SAP! IF YOU DO, THE SHOTS WILL BRING THE WHOLE BLOCK DOWN ON OUR HEADS!







WITH PEE WEE'S HELP! HOW ABOUT COMING ALONG TO HELP US TURN THEM IN?



NO I DIDN'T, BUT IF THAT'S SO, THEN JERRY HERE IS THE ONE WHO DESERVES IT THE MOST, FOR HIS BRAVERY!



GOSH, YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT FAIR! ALL I DID WAS HINDER YOU!



HA, HA, HA! SURE, FRUIT IS WHAT YOU'LL GET!



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THE END

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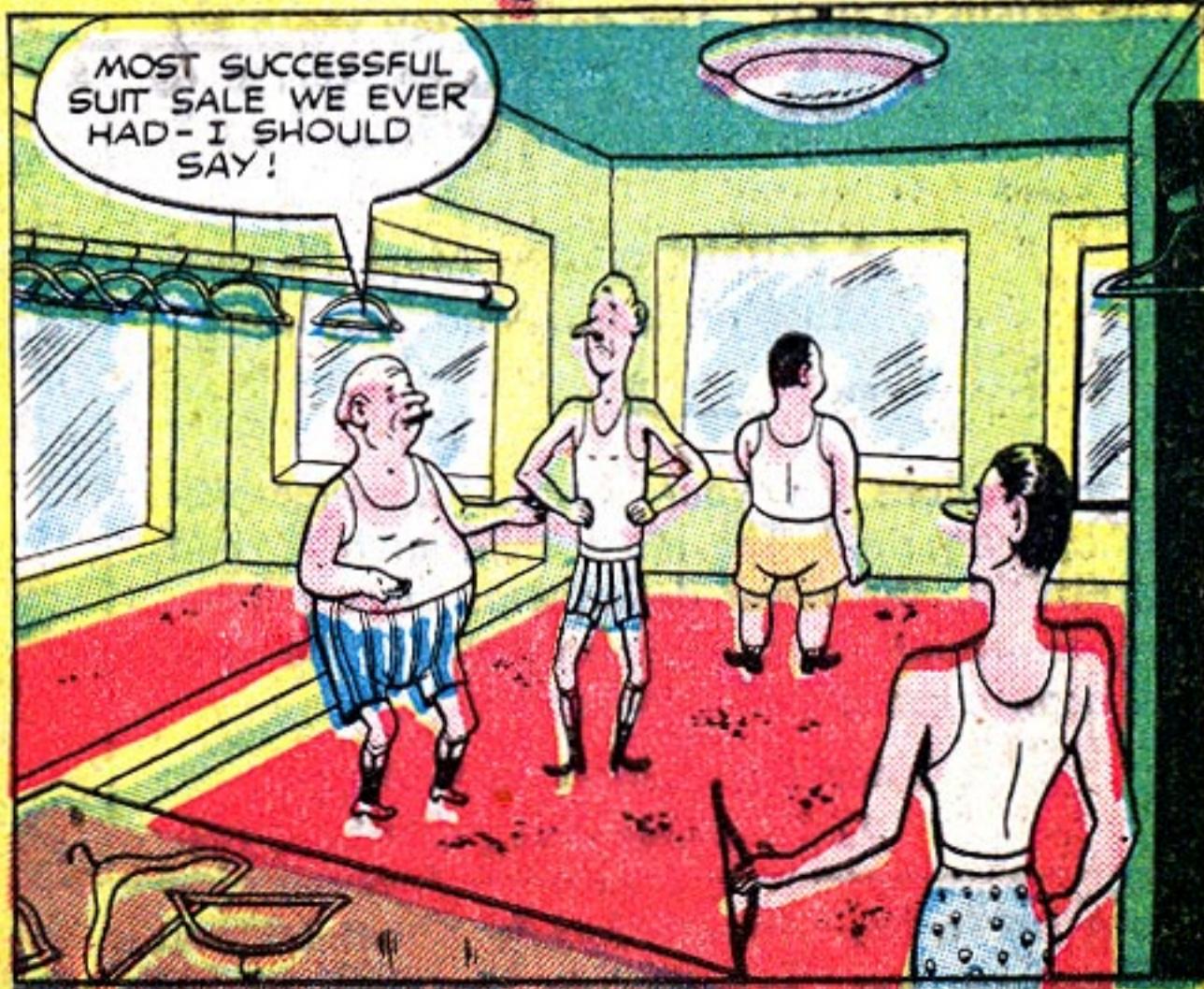
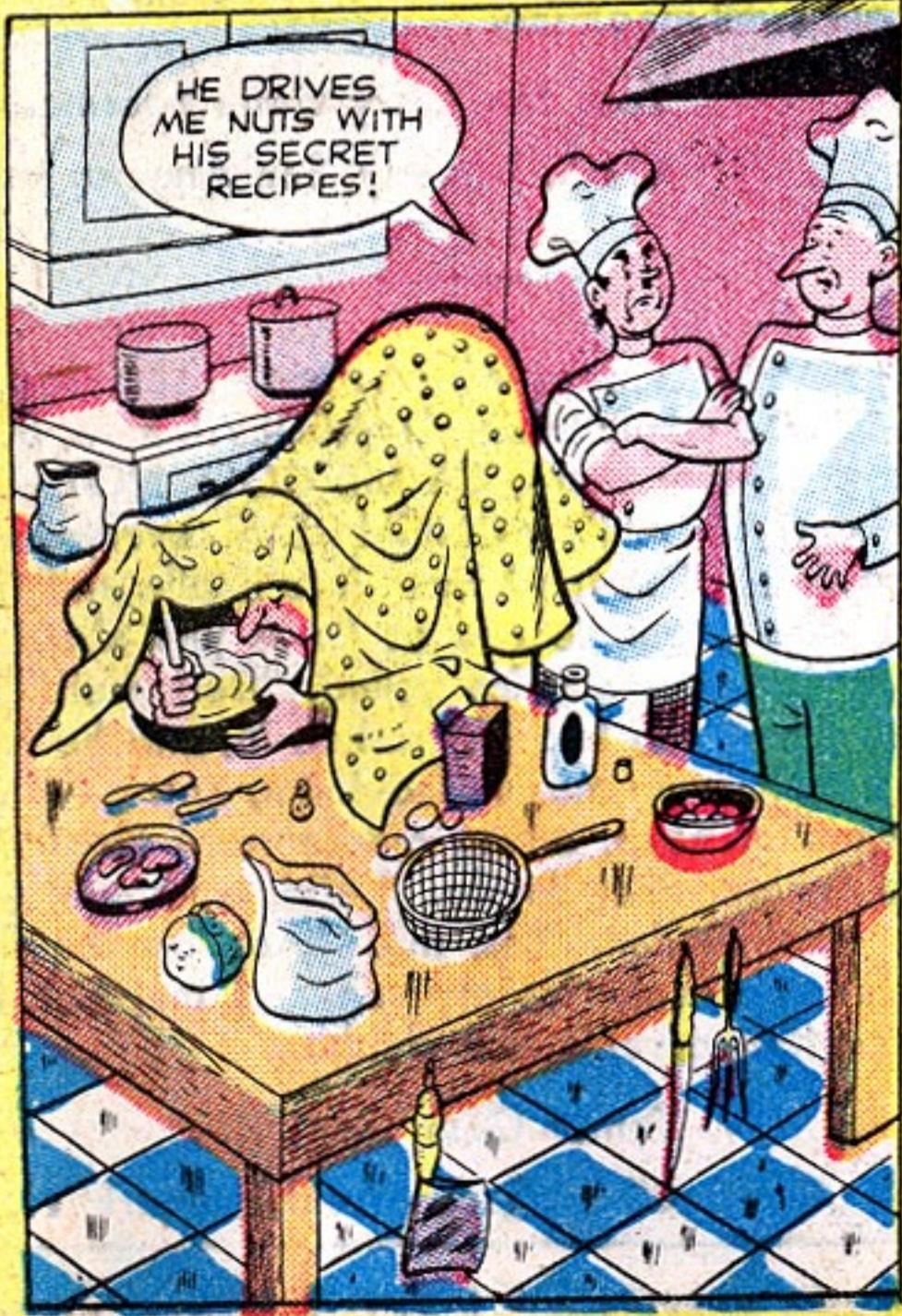
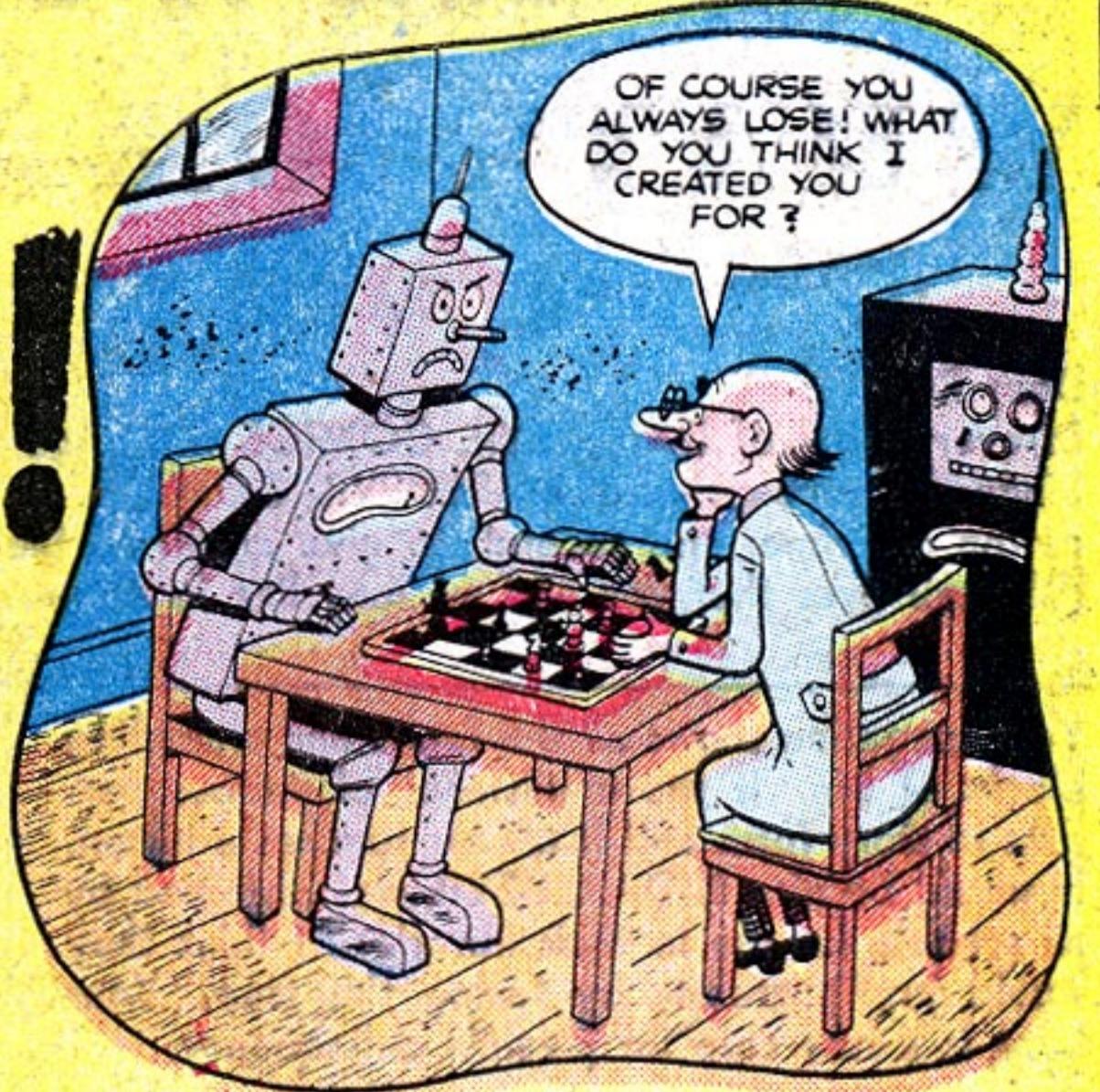
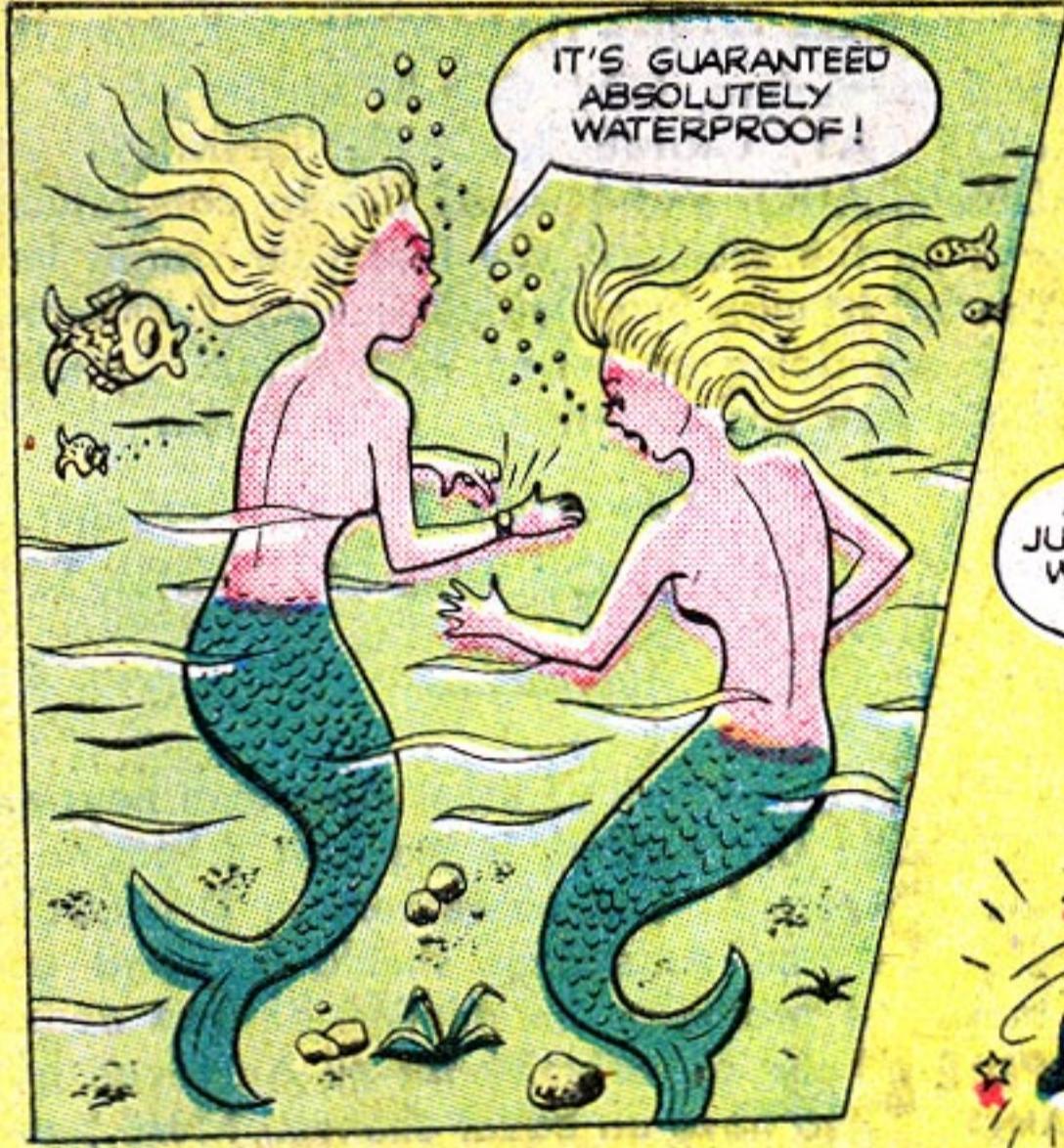
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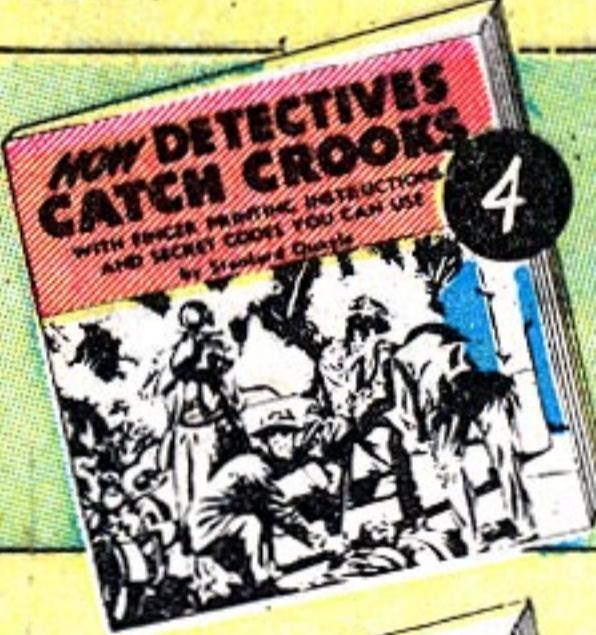


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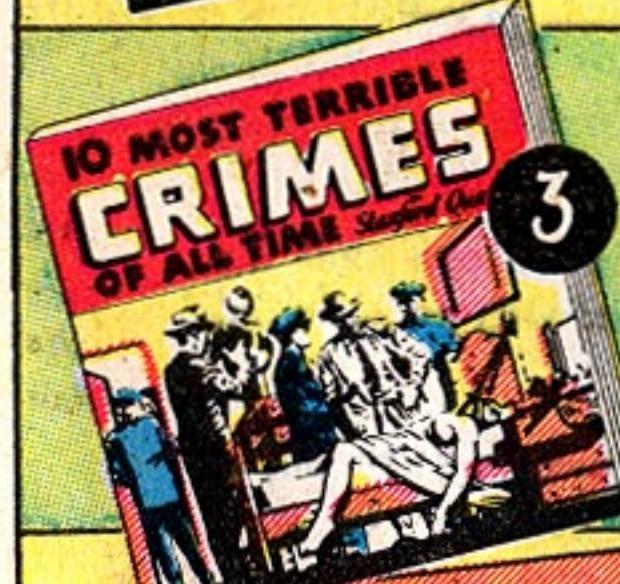


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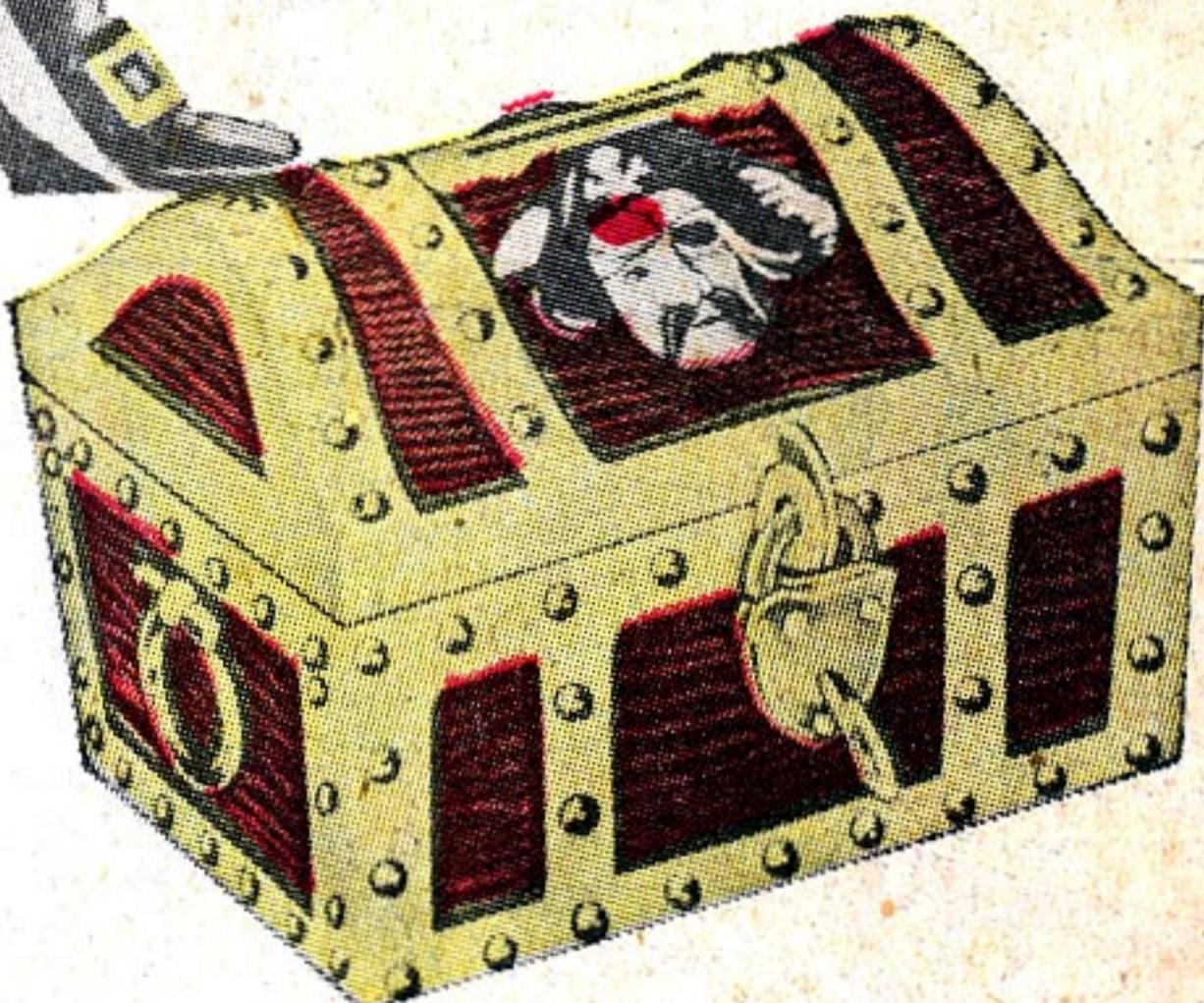
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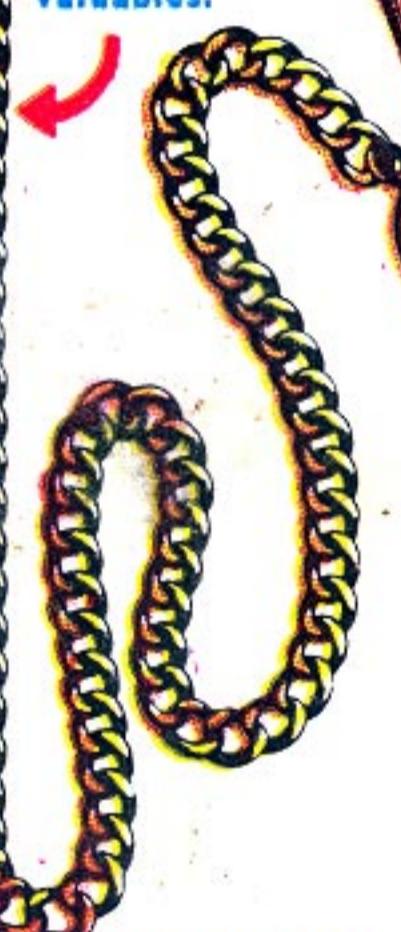


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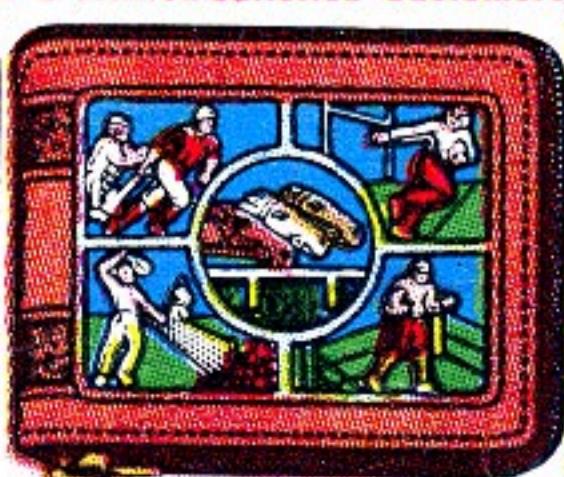


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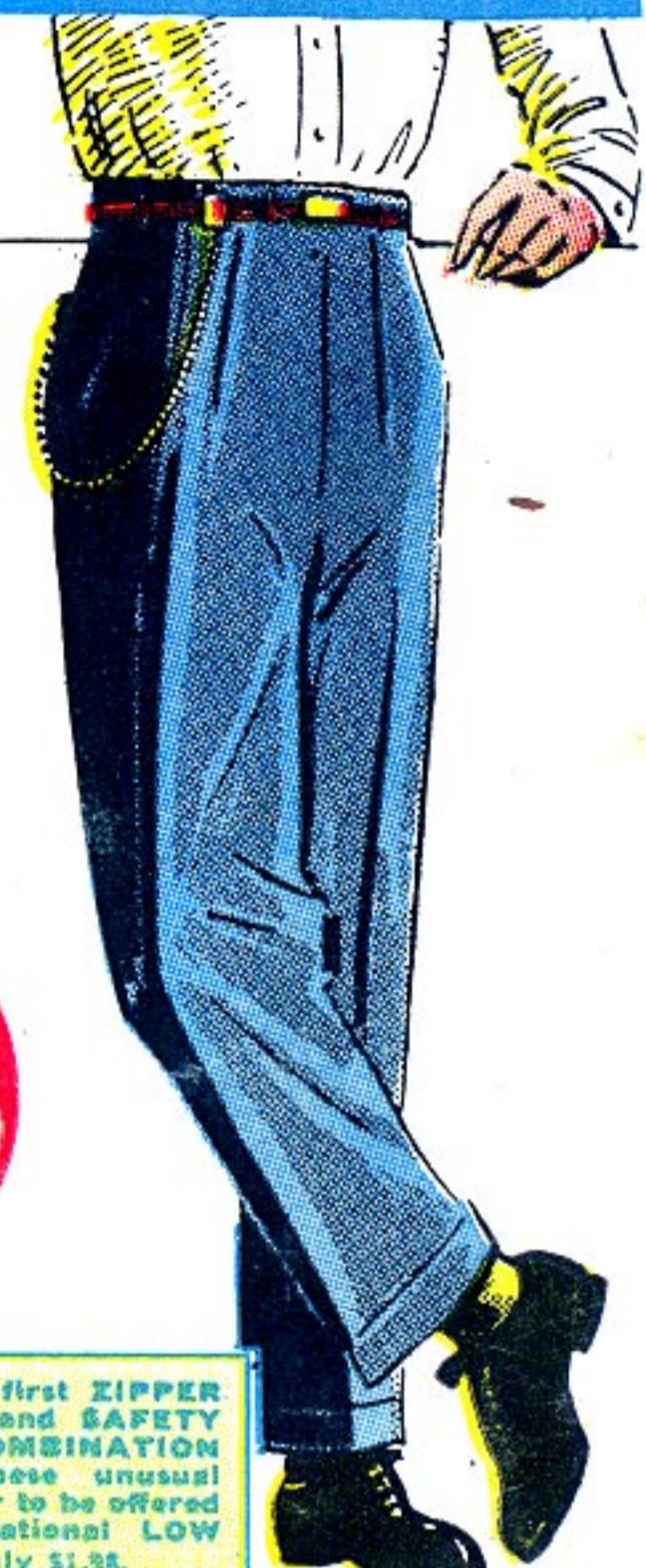


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